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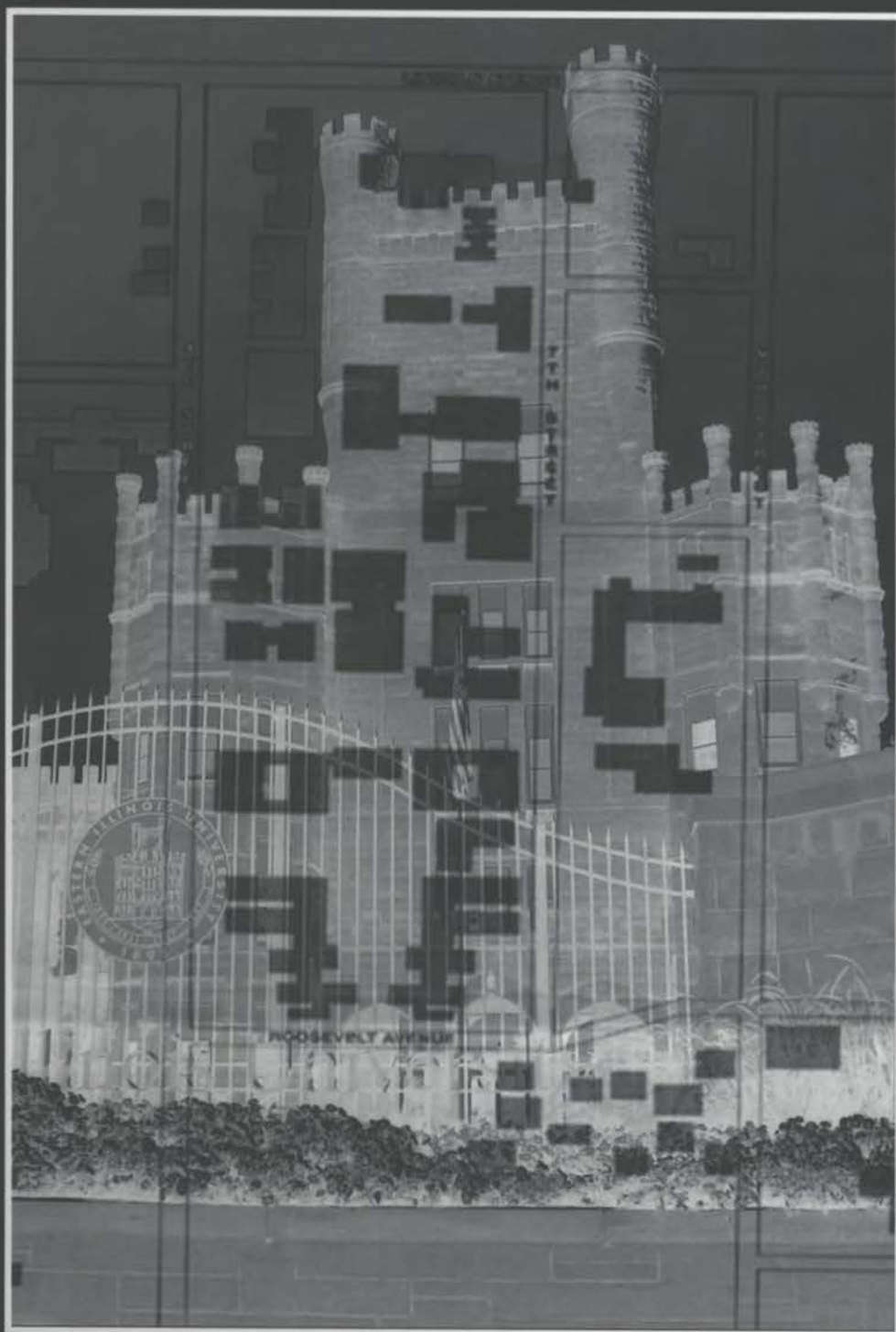
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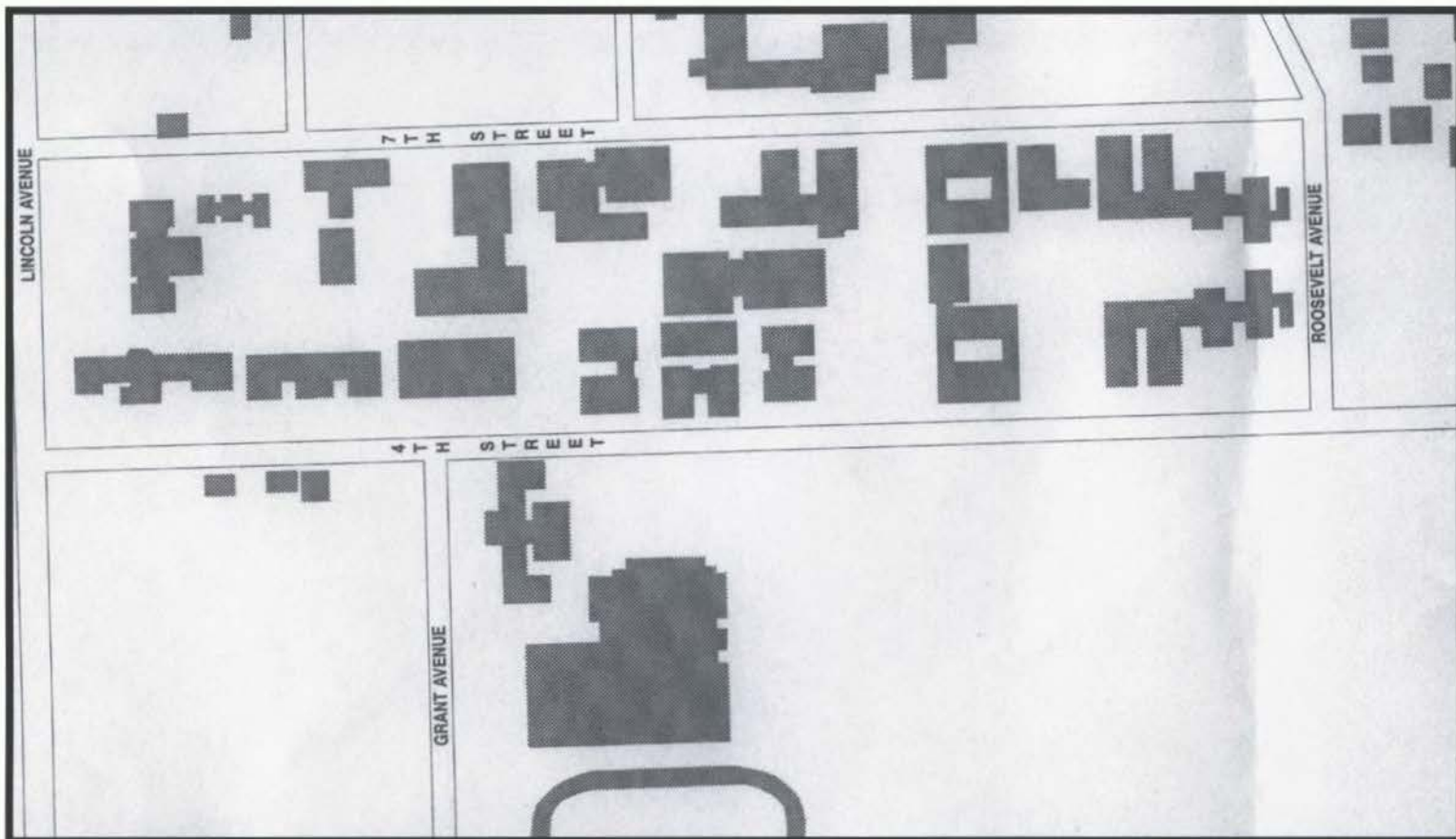
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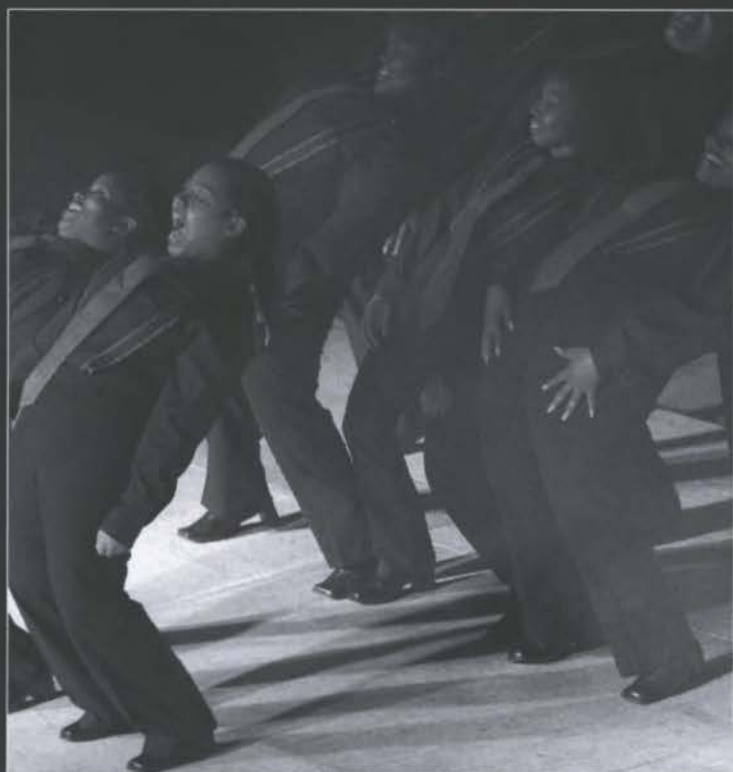
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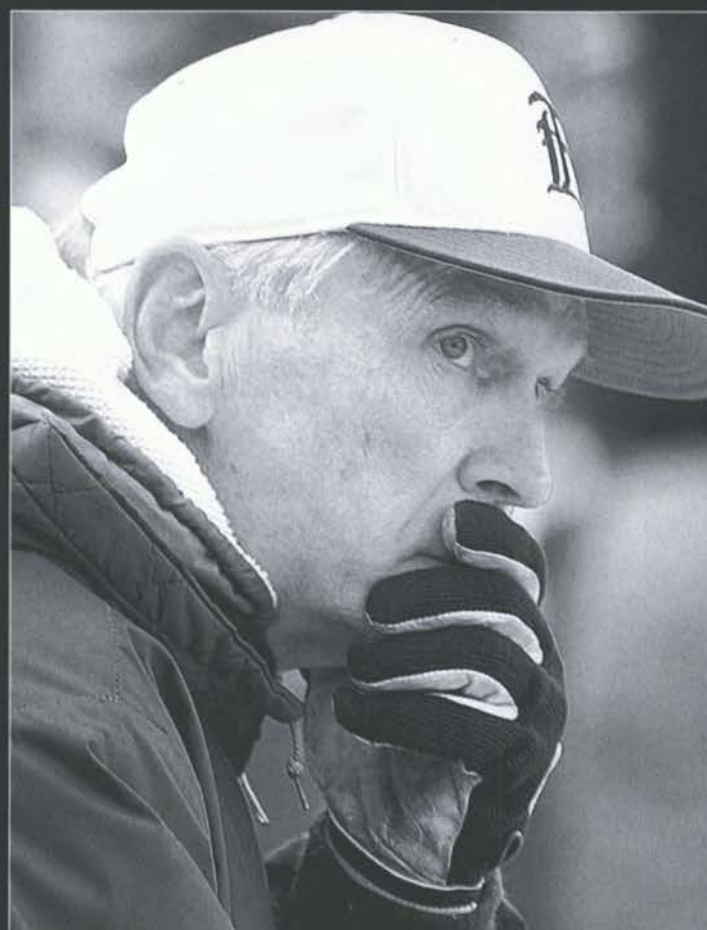
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Photographs by Stephen Haas

Eastern's step show and sporting events were just a small chunk of happenings students flocked to during the year.



Evolving visions

After what has seemed like years of hearing about new facilities and proposed alterations to the physical appearance of campus, Eastern is finally looking like the state-of-the-art university we may not have comprehended it would become only a few short years ago.

With the unveiling of the new Human Resources facility, movable residence hall furniture, Recreation Center equipment, softball stands and the nearly complete renovation of the Tarble Arts addition, Eastern has truly become the vision, seniors especially, only dreamed they could imagine.

These additions join the revamped Food Court and Booth Library in what has been a string of successful projects that have gradually evolved throughout the last few years.

Although these evolving university visions were accompanied by growing pains and wiped out some campus parking spots in the process, we should feel elated and grateful that we have had the opportunity to enjoy more modern facilities and features. These developments, in spite of the tragic Blair Hall fire, are what the Warbler is celebrating this year.

So go on, take a peek, and enjoy Eastern's continuously evolving visions.

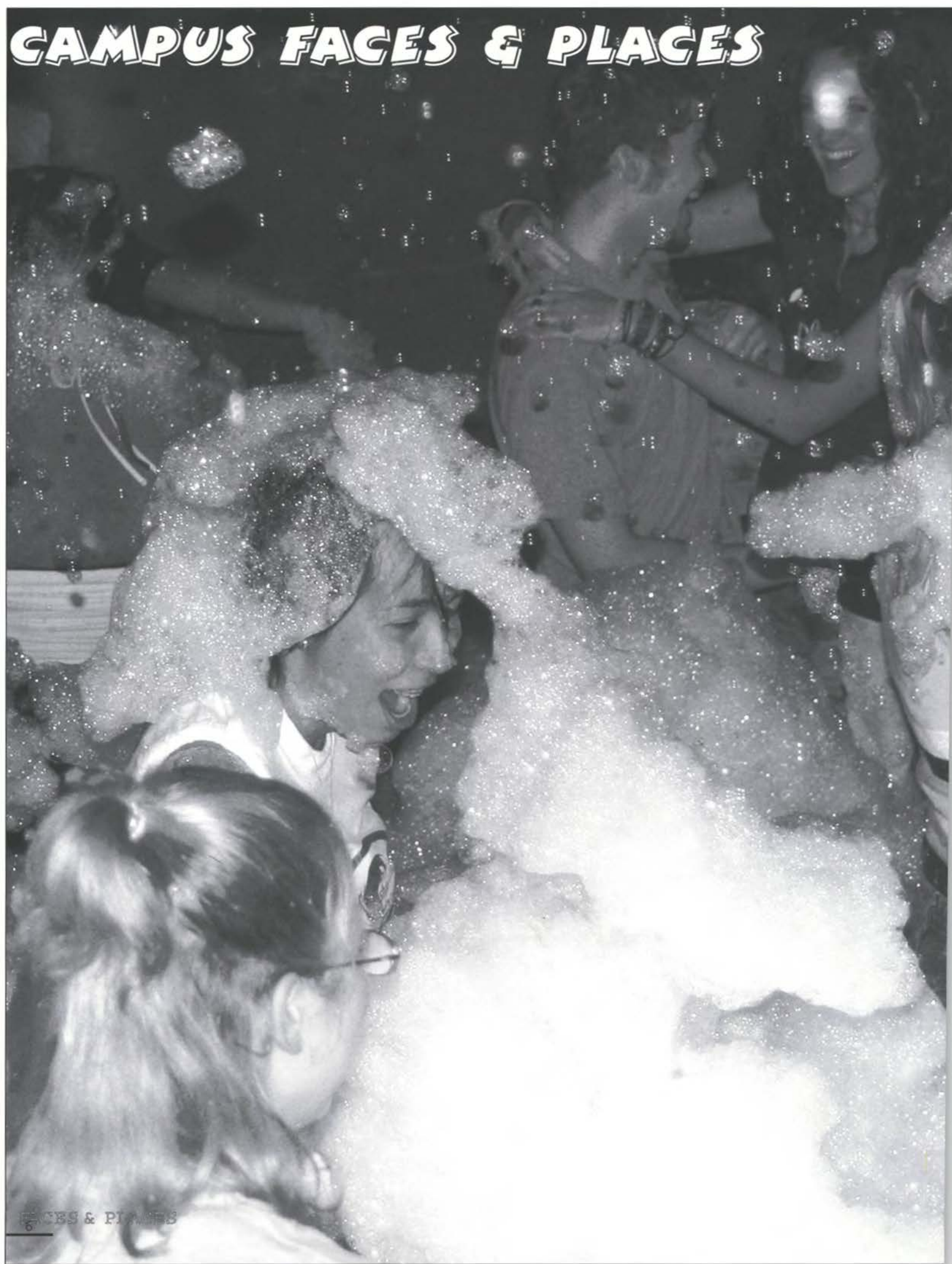
~Karen Kirr, Warbler 2004 editor in chief

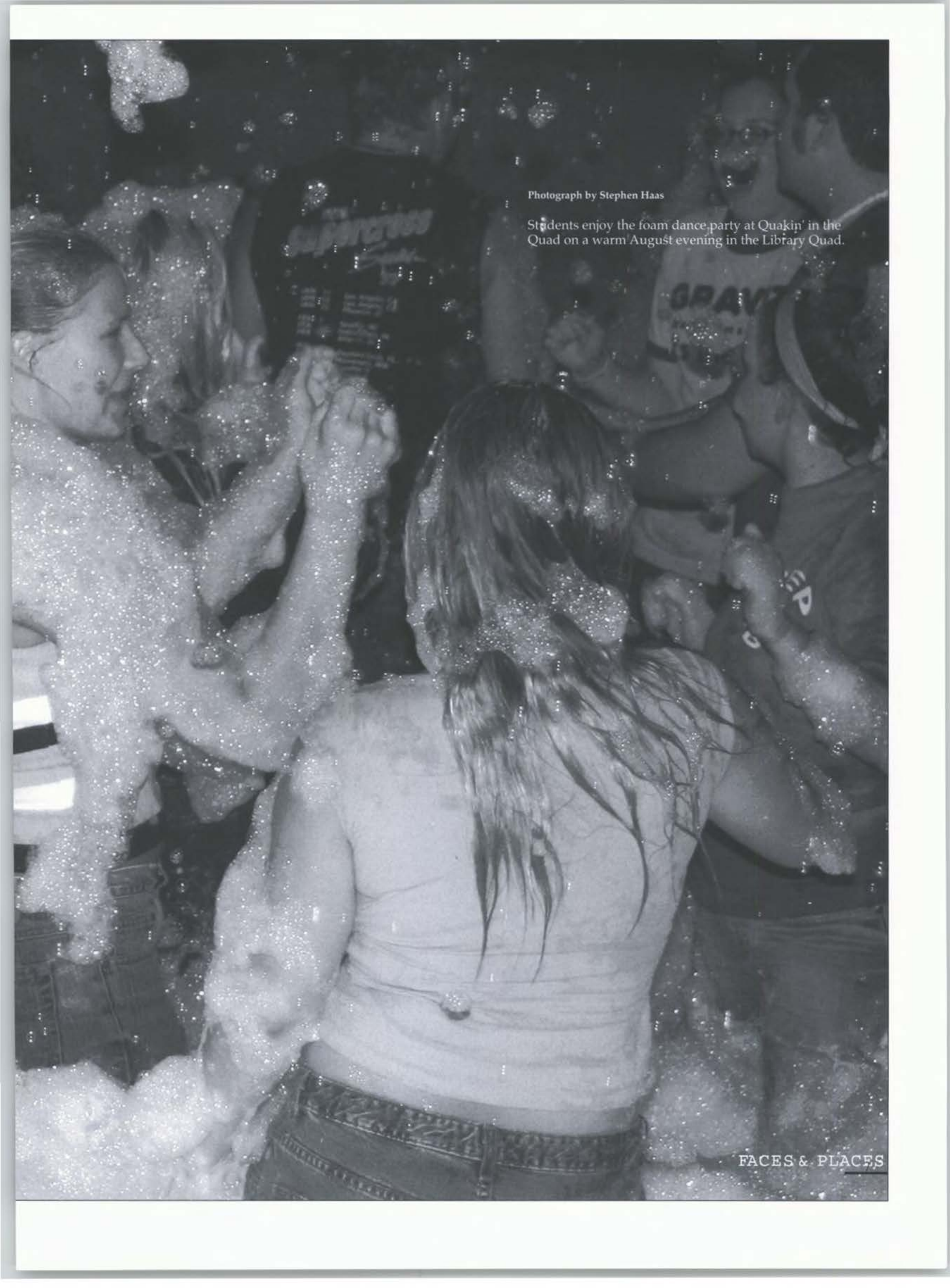
Photograph by Colin McAuliffe

With Eastern President Lou Hencken at the helm, many of the university's visions and set goals have come into fruition over the last year.



CAMPUS FACES & PLACES





Photograph by Stephen Haas

Students enjoy the foam dance party at Quakin' in the Quad on a warm August evening in the Library Quad.

CAMPUS FACES & PLACES



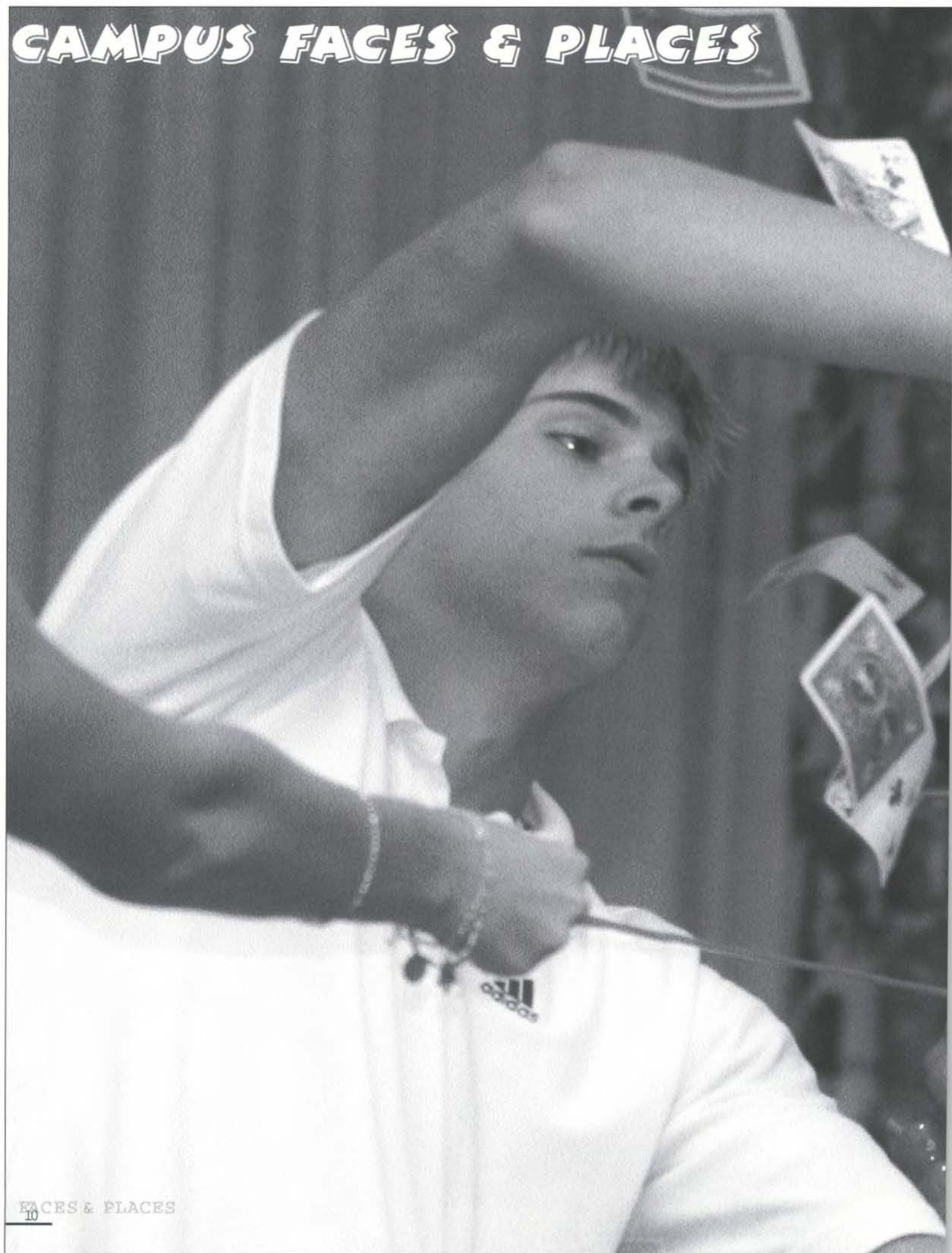
FACES & PLACES



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Julie Kleinschmidt, at left, sophomore accounting major, works on moving into her room in Ford Hall the Friday morning before classes in August 2003 with the help of Callie Phelps, a sophomore biological sciences major.

CAMPUS FACES & PLACES

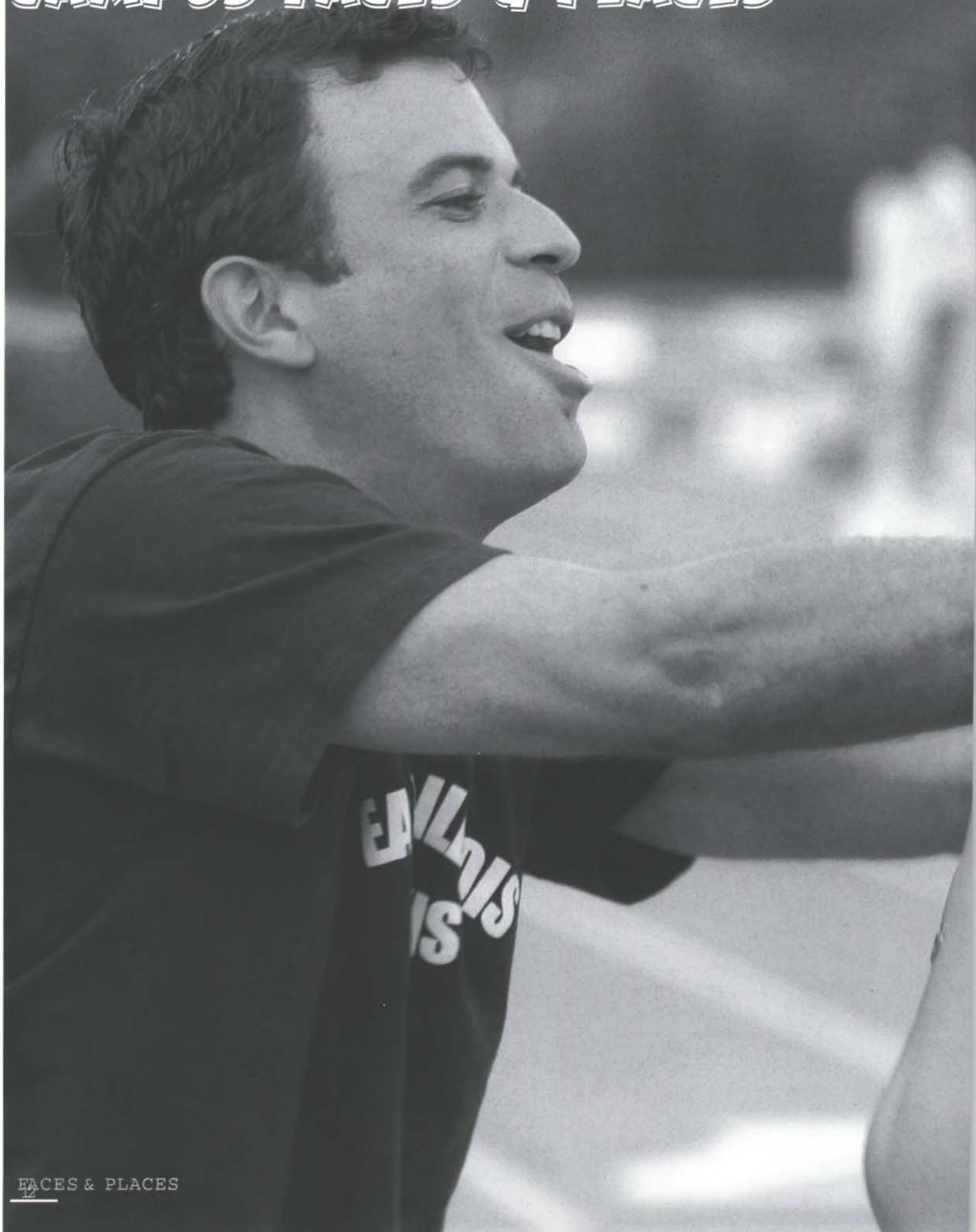


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A volunteer from the audience acts a "magic hoop" for magician Kevin Lepine, of the Flying Cat Circus, performs a routine in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.



CAMPUS FACES & PLACES



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Brian Holzgraffe, coach of the tennis teams, shoves food in an athlete's face during a relay race at the Eastern Athletic Picnic at O'Brien Stadium.



FACES & PLACES

CAMPUS FACES & PLACES



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Students react after being hypnotized to believe they are trapped inside of a wristwatch. Hypnotist Fredrick Winters performed in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union early in the fall semester.



CAMPUS FACES & PLACES





Photograph by Stephen Haas

Drew Sterioti, 8, of Naperville, practices his pitching skills with a friend on a Sunday afternoon outside of Coaches Stadium during the alumni baseball game. Sterioti's father, Rick, who graduated from Eastern in 1987, was playing in the game.

Evoluti on-campus

CAMPUS LIFE



What's goin' on

Around

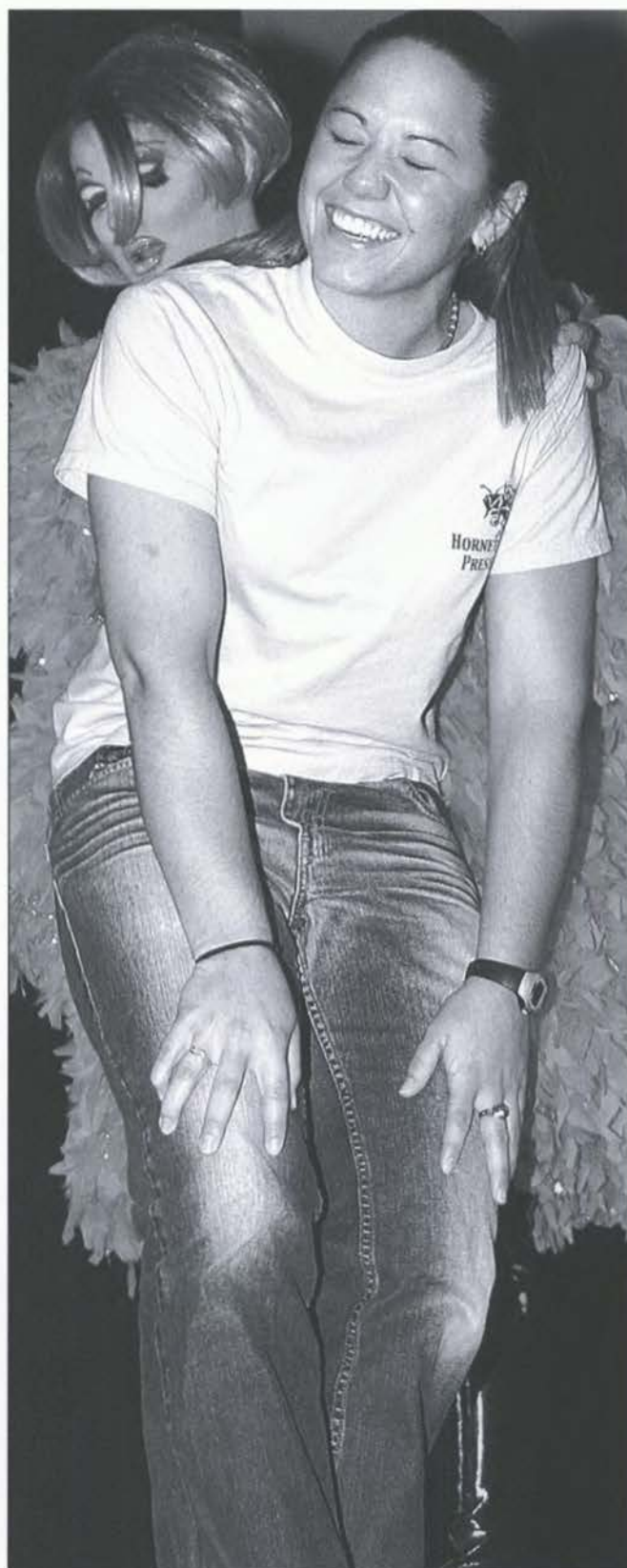
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Jon Schwanke, a sheet metal worker for Industrial Services Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning of Mattoon, installs copper fascia on the east side of the Tarble Arts Center expansion on an early morning in fall 2003. Schwanke was on his second day of work for the project.

Photographs by Stephen Haas

At left, Dave Kennedy (left), sophomore industrial technology major, throws the dice while learning how to play craps Monday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.



Above, Ms. Anastacia DeMoore, of Zim Marss Nightclub in Terre Haute, Ind., "pops the drag show cherry" of Brittany Brown, junior elementary education major, during the Divas 2003 Drag Show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.



FIRE

BLAIR

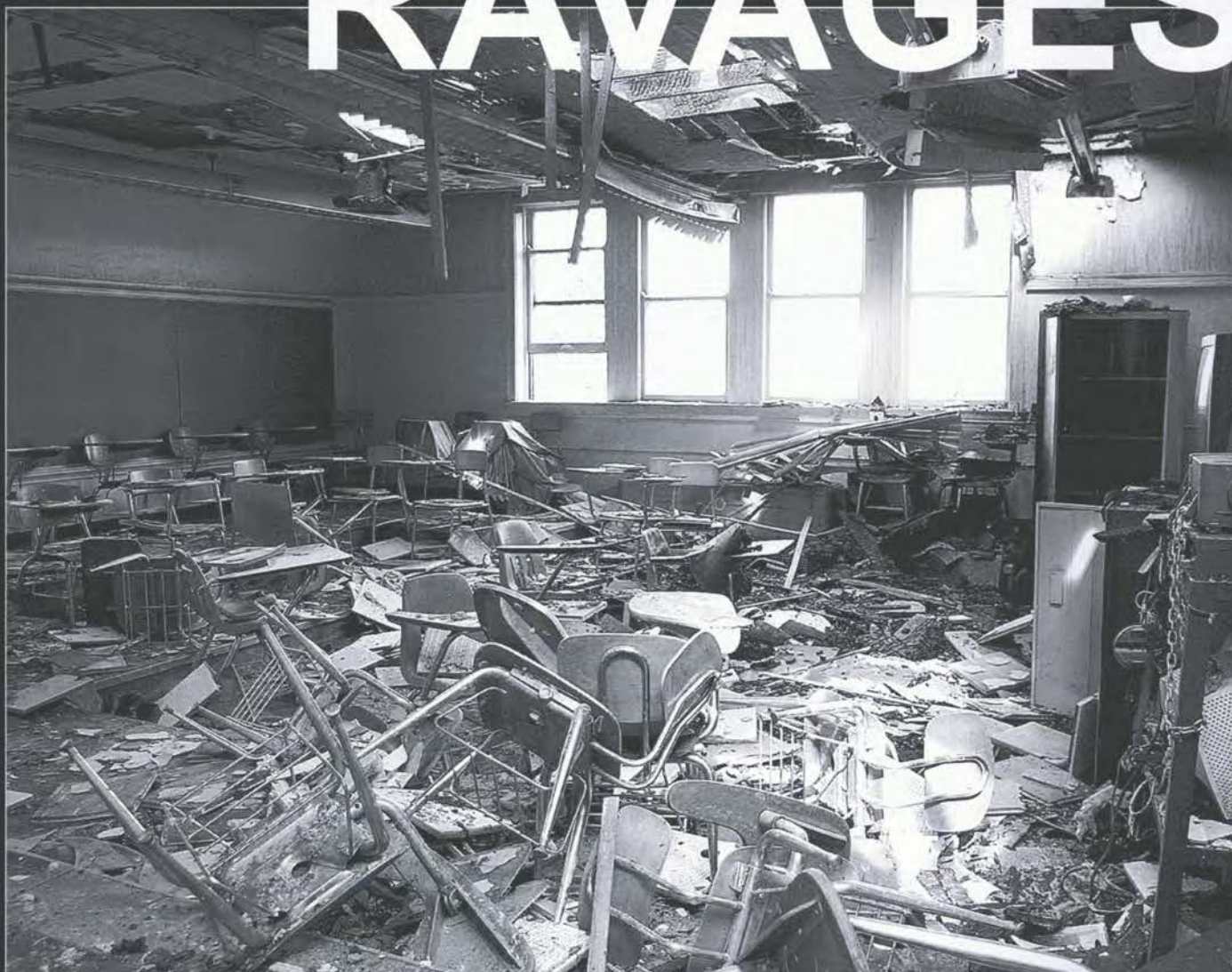


On Wednesday, April 28, 2004 Eastern's campus watched in shock as the university's third oldest building, Blair Hall, was ravaged by a fire, cause undetermined at press time, that wiped out years worth of research not to mention the interior of the four-story building. Classes conducted in Blair were forced to tentatively relocate to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

~ Courtesy of the Warbler Staff



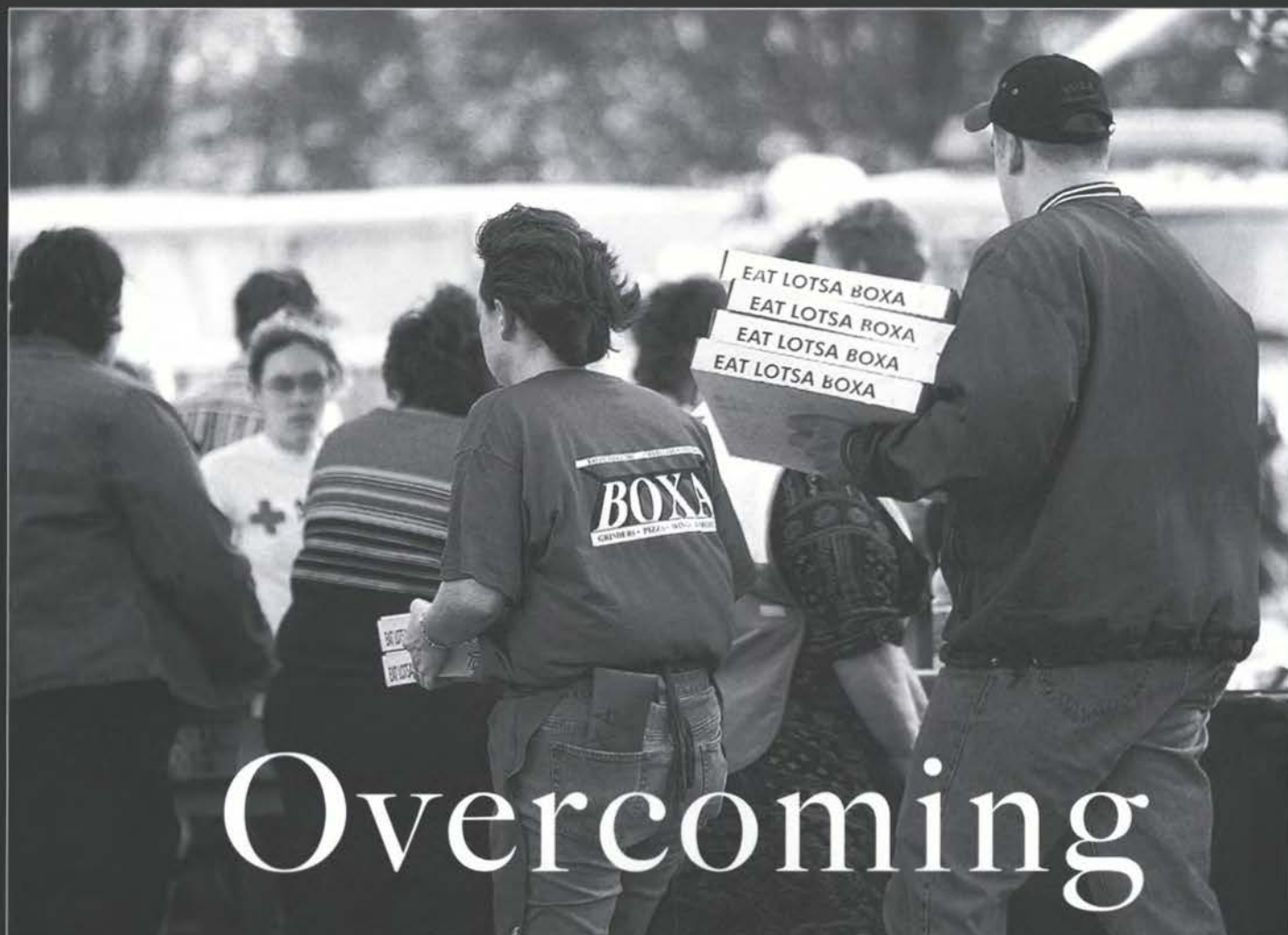
RAVAGES



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Opposite page, firefighters scramble to fight the raging blaze, which became mighty difficult to put out especially with the 30-mph wind.

Above and at left, maintenance workers scan the scene and take inventory of the damage inside of Blair Hall after the fire.



Overcoming Blair disaster



BLAIR HALL BLAZE





Photographs by Stephen Haas

Opposite page, Mike Boksa, owner of Boxa, delivers free pizzas to hungry firefighters during the Blair Hall fire.

Bottom, opposite page, students watch helplessly as flames tear Blair Hall up.



Above, a firefighter sprays Blair in attempt to quell the flames. At right, the remnants of a hallway stand amidst the wreckage caused by the Blair fire. Below, the exterior of Blair Hall in the aftermath of the fire.

BLAIR HALL BLAZE



GETTING A FRESH LOOK

Select residence halls
receive new furnishings



Photographs by Matt Brady

Above, A student relaxes in a chair that was part of a university effort to replace the worn residence hall furniture that was more than two decades old.

NEW DORM FURNITURE



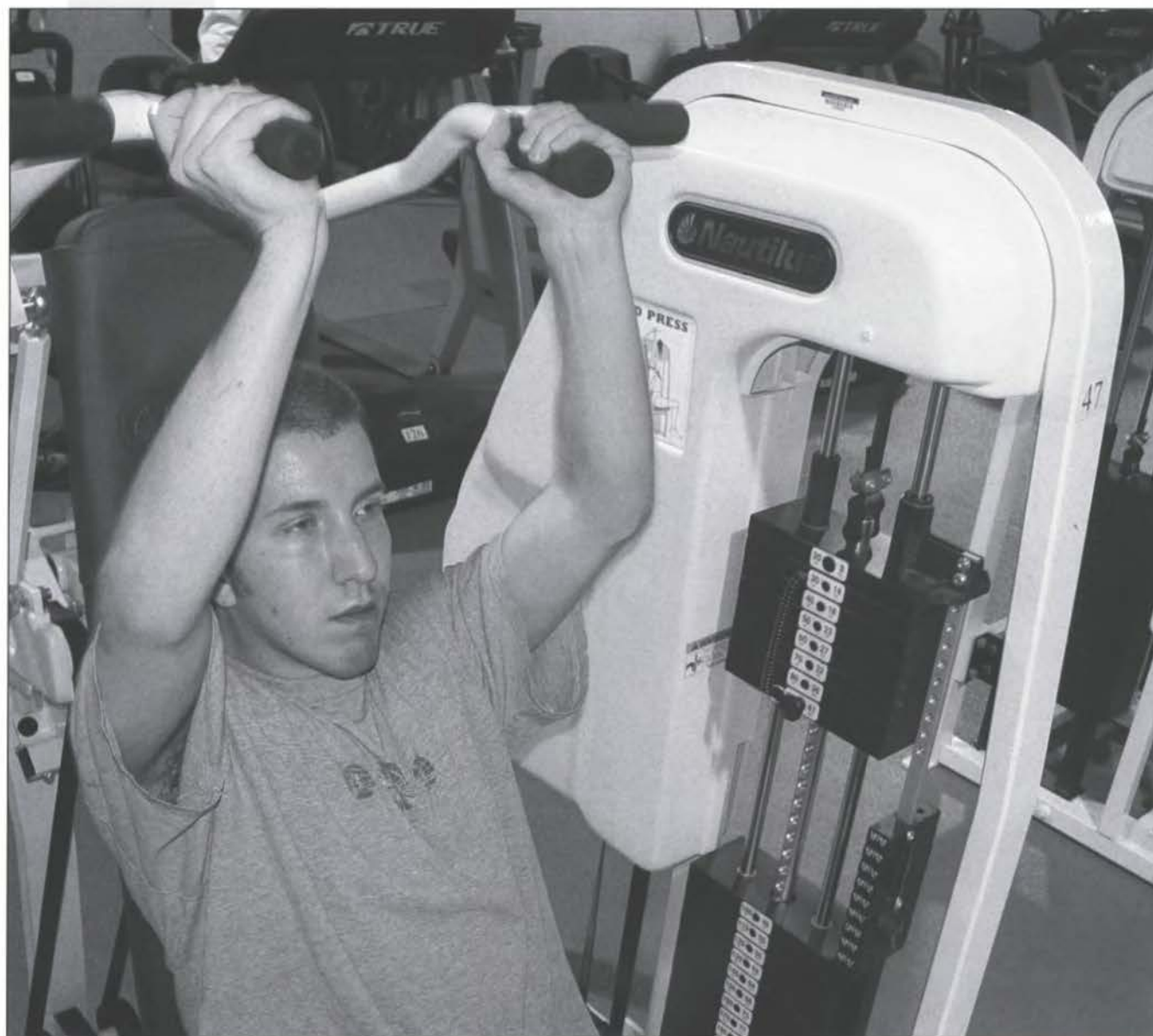
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New, movable furniture, which consisted of desks and beds, was placed in Carman and Taylor halls in the first phase of the university's installments.

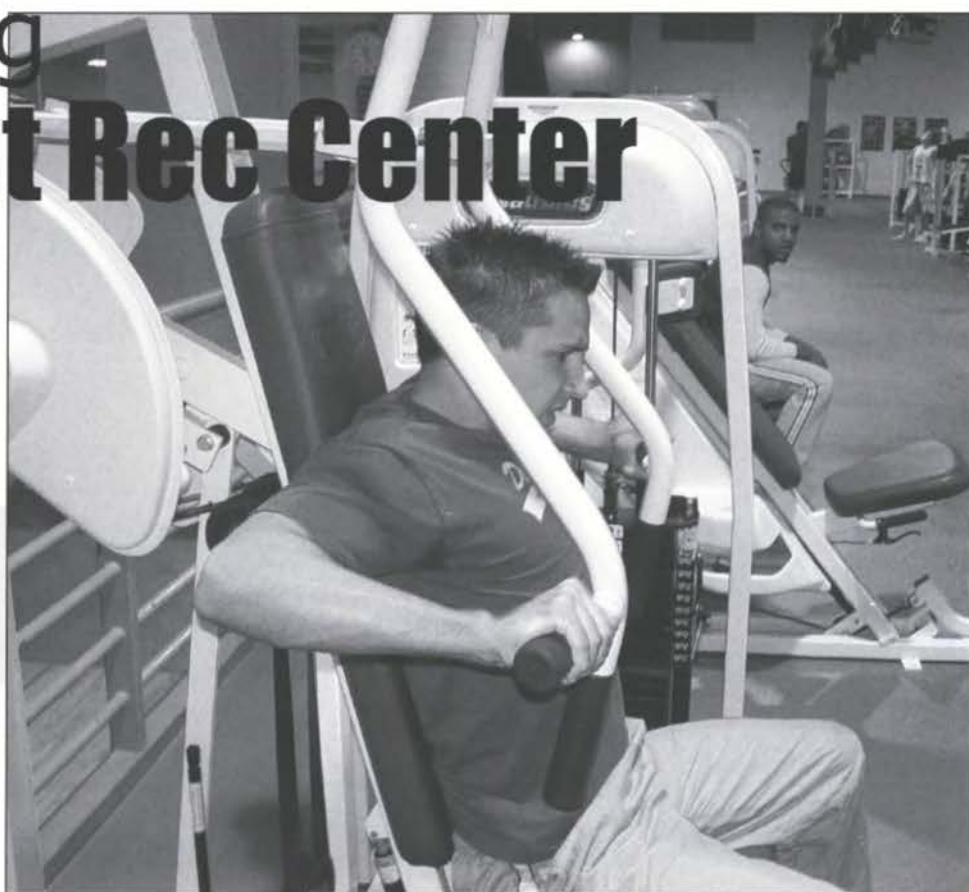
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Steve Larrick

At left, Gordon Eperlin, a sophomore business management major, gets his workout in for the day by using an arm press, one of the several new pieces of Nautilus equipment installed just prior to the beginning of the academic year.

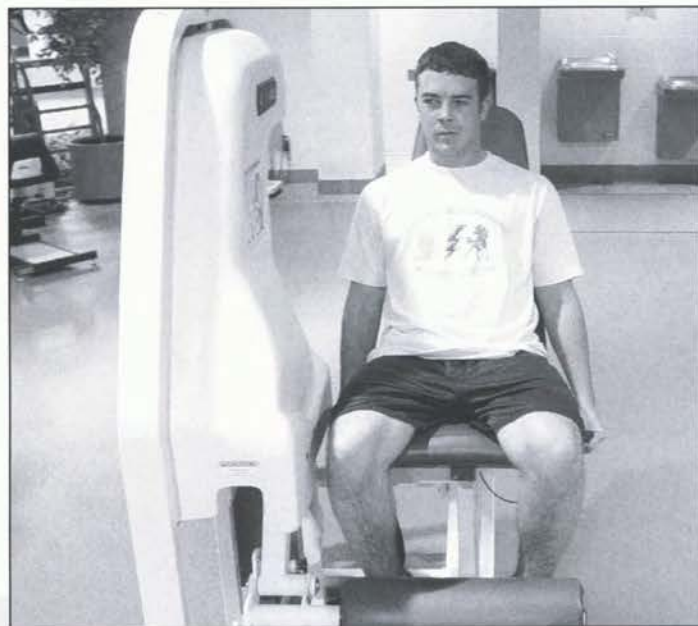
Below left and right, Joe Kaczmarek, a business and administration graduate student, stretches himself to the limit as he experiments with the new rec exercise machines Eastern received from allocated funds. Other new equipment included weights and elliptical riders.



Revamping the Student Rec Center



FRESH REC FURNISHINGS



Photographs by Steve Larrick

At top and bottom left, Tom Walaszek, a junior business major, strengthens his legs as he utilizes a new Nautilus brand thigh machine.

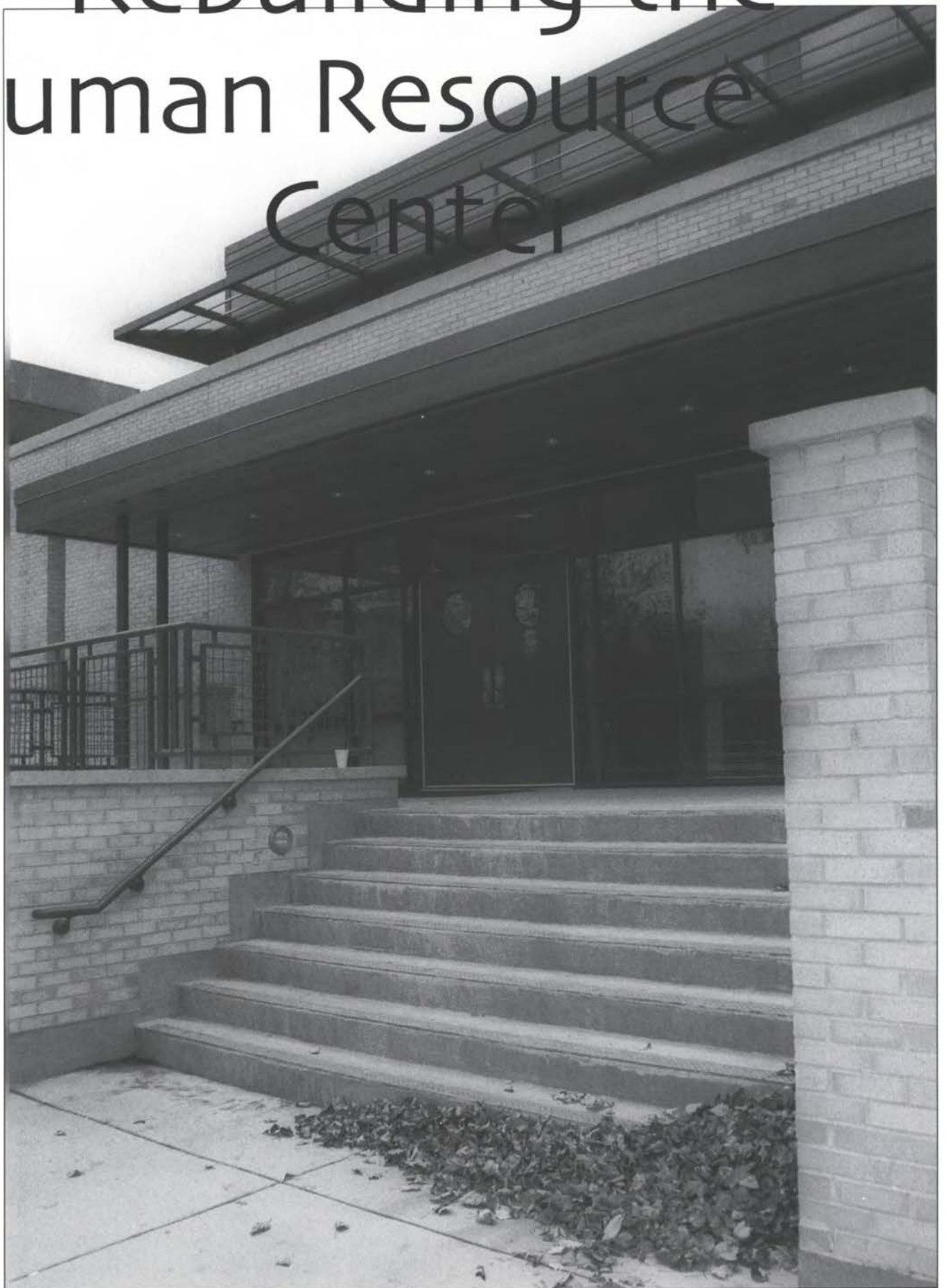
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At right, A Nautilus representative assists a student as he tries out one of the many pieces of fresh equipment now mainstays at the Student Recreation Center. Some of the machines replaced were up to nine years old.



FRESH REC FURNISHINGS

Rebuilding the Human Resource Center



The new Health Services building is more advanced, containing more than double the space as the old location, and the staff designed it that way. The staff helped design the building because they had ideas for what needed to be done.

"It's more comfortable, much more private and it allows our staff to be much more efficient," said Lynette Drake, Health Services director.

The new additions include a nurse's station, medical file room, procedure room, observation room, dark room, utility room, a private consultation area for the telenurse, eye wash station, chemical shower and new x-ray equipment, which is all digitally compatible.



Photographs by Hillary Settle

Lisa Shepherd, a staff nurse, makes some final notes on a patient's chart before moving on to her next assignment.

Marsha Herschberger, a staff nurse, places a call to a patient's regular physician for some background information.

"The departments have more space than they had, and they seem to be very happy and content with the new facility," said Carol Strode, director of facilities planning management. "It is a large improvement over what they had."

Each provider, the four medical doctors and two nurse practitioners, now has three rooms to use individually to see patients, consisting of the two exam rooms and a consultation room. Before, each provider only had one or two rooms. There now is a separate waiting lobby for lab, x-ray and women's health and a central supply area.

"It makes us more cost efficient," Drake said. "Before everything was spread out all over the building, and it was difficult to find things."

Some of the new organizational improvements include reception windows, doors opening to shield the patient for privacy and rooms set up uniform to make it more efficient for nurses to access supplies.

Also, the pharmacy is still located in the main building, but patients do not have to wait in the same lobby. There are separate waiting rooms for pharmacy and career services. The lobby never runs out of chairs because it is no longer shared with the pharmacy, Drake said.

The pharmacy now carries more over-the-counter drugs and has expanded to include items students have requested along with an electronic sign to display when prescriptions are ready. Drake said new programs and procedures are implemented in the new building as well.

An automated check-in allows students the convenience of swiping in with their panther ID card. The checkout counter is no longer so close to check-in, and unless the patient is paying with cash or needs a walk out statement, the patient can leave without checking out.

Also, the women's health program has changed. In the past, before prescribing birth control pills, women had to come in and complete a program. Now an updated program is available to complete online.

Drake said students like the privacy of the check-in counter. Some students feel more comfortable in the new building. "The old Health Services was really small and had a run down feel to it," said Leslie Tharp, a senior nursing major. "The new building is very professional looking and feels like an actual doctor's office."

Jill Tucker, a junior nursing major, said the most beneficial improvements are "the fact they have so much more space and all the improvements in technology."

"The feedback that we have gotten to date has been very positive," Strode said. "It was a huge undertaking to get this project completed in time frame."



The new

Photographs by Hillary Settle

Terry Collins, information technology specialist, discusses recent computer problems with Margaret Clapp, office staff supervisor and administrative secretary.

Opposite page, Jenny Hagerstrom, lab supervisor medical technologist, puts the finishing touches on some patient reviews.





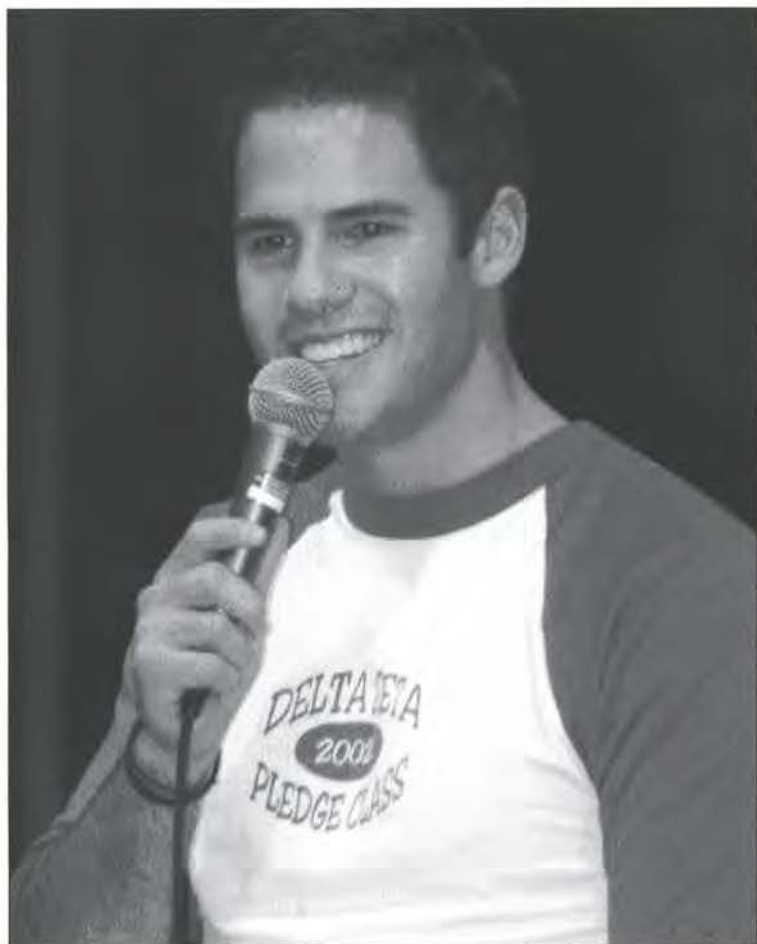
and **improved**

HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER

MTV'S

'REAL WORLD'

not always as it seems



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Steve Hill, from the MTV *Real World: Las Vegas*, speaks to a packed McAfee Gymnasium.

By Jennifer Chiariello
Warbler Campus Editor

“The *Real World*” is not as real as the producers at MTV would have its audience believe, according to “The *Real World: Las Vegas*” cast member Steven Hill.

Hill told an audience of over 450 people in McAfee Gym that MTV edits each member of the “*The Real World*” into a one dimensional character at the beginning and then adds other dimensions at the end to show the character changed.

“*Real World* is a soap opera,” Hill said.

Hill said the weekly interviews conducted by a woman with a PHD in psychology, really planted seeds in their heads.

He also said in the interviews, members would be directed to answer questions by beginning a certain way.

Hill acknowledged he was painted as a male slut on the

show but said the reputation was not deserved.

“I slept with the least amount of girls in the house,” Hill said.

He also said after the show, nice girls won’t date him, but he doesn’t regret his “*Real World*” experience.

“It’s okay, it will wear off in a few years,” Hill said. “I am grateful for everything I’ve done.”

Hill said he was not embarrassed by his actions on the show.

“I come from a long line of white trash, so when they see me hooking up on TV, they couldn’t be more happy if I was on *Springer*,” Hill said.

Hill said since he was 16, he has been on his own and only close to his sister, brother, ex-wife and ex-wife’s family.

Hill said members of his family he has not spoken to in eight years have tried to contact him since the show.

“If you don’t like me before the show, I don’t want you in my life after the show.”

Hill said he looked bad on the show, but “*The Real World*” opened many other opportunities. The fame he received from the show helped him pay off credit cards and loans, interview celebrities at the Video Music Awards, all of which he could not have done without “*The Real World*.”

“We didn’t pay any dues,” Hill said. “We were minor celebrities, but still celebrities.”

Hill mentioned former “*Real World*” cast members have appeared on “*E True Hollywood Story*” complaining about the show.

Hill disagrees with their actions and said the only reason cast members are doing anything in the media is because of “*The Real World*.”

Hill said he has received a lot of free stuff, including free meals and products.

Before appearing on “*The Real World*,” Hill had divorced after a 7-month marriage with a woman he had been with for four years and worked at a Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

“I probably would have shoveled she** to get out of there,” Hill said.

After Wal-Mart, he worked as a topless bartender making \$900-\$1200 a week, then was selected for “*The Real World*.”

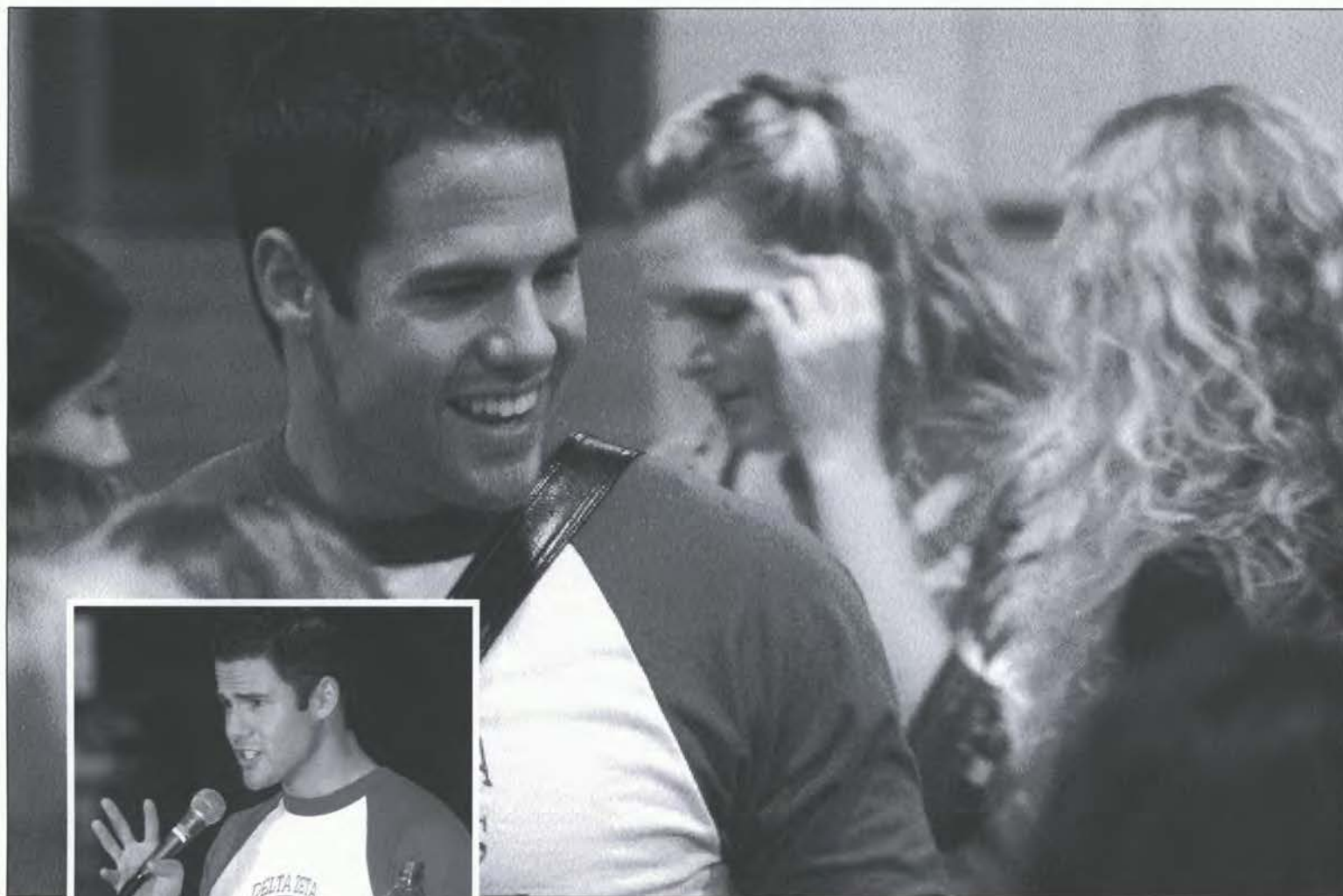
Hill told the audience stories of what happened behind the scenes on the set. He said the members drank and were hungover a lot on the show.

“We lived like rock stars sometimes,” Hill said. “A lot of people forgot where they came from.”

Hill also talked about the sexual habits of his housemates.

“If you think anyone had protected sex in that house you’re crazy,” Hill said.

Hill composed a survey for women about sexual preferences they have regarding men. He will use the information to comprise a pamphlet or book to clear up sexual misconceptions men have.



Photographs by Stephen Haas

Above, Steve Hill talks with a few girls from the audience after the presentation in McAfee Gymnasium. He is still reaping the benefits of his fame after appearing on MTV's *The Real World*.

The money raised from the pamphlet or book will go toward the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, which both Hill and fellow Las Vegas cast member Frank work with.

Eastern students were the first to receive the survey.

Hill marked audience members' hands with a dot of permanent marker if they filled out the survey so he could buy them a shot at Marty's after the presentation.

Hill presented himself as an ordinary guy who had an extraordinary opportunity.

"There are a lot of guys like me out there, they are just not on TV," Hill said.

Christine Moran, a sophomore English major, said she enjoyed the way the lecture was presented.

"It wasn't just him lecturing us, he actually interacted with us and let us ask the questions," Moran said.

"I think he was real with us, as far as what really went on, on the show," said Stacy King, a junior early childhood education major.

Haley Behnke, a senior elementary education major, said the UB student activity fees were well spent.

"It's something that all college students watch, MTV, and it's for the young crowd," Behnke said.

Mike Swinford, a junior history major, said he was

disappointed by the presentation.

"I got tricked by my roommate into thinking Trischelle was going to be here this evening," Swinford said.

Shannon Brende, UB lecture coordinator, said she and Melissa Burke-Houston, the former UB coordinator, booked Hill after seeing an advertisement.

The UB is sent a variety of advertisements and chose Hill over fellow cast member Trischelle after talking to female fans.

Celia Brinker, director of student life, said, the more than 400 chairs in McAfee were filled and students sat in the balcony as well.

"Based on the response of the students, it was a good choice of speaker to bring in," Brinker said.

Hill was originally booked in hopes of an MTV series with Don Jamieson, MTV producer, but since Jamieson appeared at Eastern already, last spring before finals, the series plans were canceled.

Instead, this semester, Jack Gordon, professor at Indiana University, will appear Oct. 1 and Mike Foley, WWE wrestler, will appear Nov. 1.

There are three total lectures for the semester, but Brende said, "Hopefully we'll do more for the spring."



By Tim Martin

Courtesy of The Daily Eastern News

Luis Clay-Mendez had already cheated death once. Accused of planting an explosive device in a movie theater, the Cuban military attempted to coax a confession out of Clay by intimidating him with a firing squad packing blanks. "He thought he was done for," Clay's wife, Penny, said of an incident that occurred more than four decades ago.

Clay escaped and left Cuba soon thereafter. After staring death in the face, friends and family said Clay perceived life as a gift. That enthusiasm permeated his teachings and nearly every facet of his life.

Clay died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, of a heart ailment at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He was 60.

"Luis had an indomitable spirit and unflinching courage," said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter, who had known Clay for 16 years.

Recently, Clay took a stance on the Board of Trustees' decision to offer interim President Lou Hencken a two-year contract extension. He defended the faculty's request to mandate Eastern's next president have a doctoral or terminal degree.

When Clay died, he was typing a letter praising student BOT representative Bill Davidson and an editorial written by *The Daily Eastern News* for showing the "integrity required to stand alone on the side of propriety, fair play and the tenet that the best decisions come as a result of consultation and inclusion."

"There was nothing lukewarm about Luis," Carpenter said. "He would champion causes and principles unlike anyone I have ever known."

Survivors include his wife, Penny; one son, Edward Clay, of Springfield, Mo.; one brother, Jose Clay, of Miami; and two grandchildren.

Penny said extensive physicals in April revealed no heart ailments when Clay underwent hip surgery.

"We were completely surprised," she said.

Two deaths jolt Eastern's campus

Friends, family grieve loss of instructor Luis Clay-Mendez and Director of Minority Affairs Johnetta Jones

His deep beliefs in individual freedom resulted from a childhood in Communist Cuba. Clay was born May 26, 1943, in Havana, Cuba, the son of Joseph and Ofelia (Mendez) Clay.

He fled Cuba for America at 16 where he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and mathematics at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in romance languages and literature at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. It was at Washington University Clay met his future wife, who was a graduate student in one of his classes.

"I was impressed from the first moment because he was such a good teacher," Penny said. "All the new graduate students must observe for six weeks ... once the six weeks were up, I asked him if I could stay in the class because I liked watching him teach so much.

"And that got him."

Clay and Penny married Nov. 26, 1970, Thanksgiving Day, in Perry, Okla.

"His knowledge was wonderful as was his experience, but his enthusiasm," Penny says, "you could not go to sleep in his class because he was so enthusiastic in what he was doing, you had to get interested in it."

Clay came to Eastern as an associate foreign languages professor in 1980 and has been here ever since.

Friends said Clay lived life to its fullest, and his actions back that statement. At Eastern, he was the Faculty Senate recorder, a member of the Presidential Search Committee and a foreign languages professor. Elsewhere, he served as a member of the Knight of Columbus, a captain of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and as a faculty sponsor of Sigma Delta Pi.

"He was absolutely a unique person," Karen Taylor, an associate Spanish professor, said. "He had so much energy and so much love for everybody. He had so many friends, and not just professors, but administrators, secretaries, maintenance people. I think he knew everyone at the university."

Carpenter said his friend had a "selfless dedication to humanity."



Colleague: Jones was extraordinary

By Jennifer Chiariello
Warbler Campus Editor

Johnetta Jones, 56, died Saturday Oct. 11, 2003, in Springfield of a severe infection compromised by E. coli. She was the director of the Minority Affairs Office and employed on campus for 26 years.

Priscilla Winger, Ms. Jones' office assistant, said because Ms. Jones was already sick with an infection, she sometime ingested the E. coli and



"because she was already weakened, it took over. "It's not like Jack in the Box where 12 people get sick ... you just can't track it. The doctor said we will probably never know where and when."

Dr. Joseph Wall, medical director of Health Services, said everybody has E. coli.

For the most part "E. coli is a good thing, it helps the digestive tract work," Wall said.

"It's normal; it's found in your digestive tract.

"The problem is it could be harmful if it is out of the tract," he said, "where it gets into places it shouldn't." There are different strains of bad E. coli, some worse than others.

"We see E. coli urinary infections 12 to 15 times a day," Wall said.

Eating meat not properly cooked can cause an infection in the digestion tract.

This is uncommon E. coli. These contaminated meats are a bad strain of E. coli. It is more common in children and causes severe disease.

Cynthia Nichols, director of the Civil Rights Office, said Ms. Jones had a large impact on the university.

"Who she was, was extraordinary ... committed to the success of students and of Eastern," Nichols said.

"I really feel she made a tremendous contribution to Eastern.

"For me, I'm going to have a very difficult time knowing I'm not going to be able to brainstorm issues with her or share a good laugh."

Nichols said Ms. Jones had a great sense of humor.

JONES REMEMBERED

The search for a President

He was right under our noses



By Dan Renick

Courtesy of The Daily Eastern News

Local legislators said they are pleased with the appointment of Eastern's newest president, Lou Hencken.

Representative Chapin Rose (R - Charleston) and Senator Dale Righter (R - Mattoon) both said they were happy with last week's decision by the Board of Trustees to make Lou Hencken the new president of Eastern.

"I talked with Nate Anderson and Betsy Mitchell (board chairs) and told them my desire to see Lou as president," Righter said.

One of Hencken's strong suits is dealing with legislators in Springfield to prevent worse cuts to Eastern's budget, Rose said. Rose added, he is worried there will be further higher education cuts in January's General Assembly budget session.

"Lou has proven to be a leader in communicating to legislators in Springfield," Righter said.

"Working with legislators is a very important part of higher education," said Donald Sevener, director of communication

for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Considering the budget problems Eastern has faced, it would be hard to bring someone in who was unfamiliar with the situation, Rose said.

"This is not the time for on the job training," Rose said.

Hencken has also gotten the campus more involved in lobbying for funds, Rose added.

Hencken's background in student affairs helped to give Eastern students a voice, Rose said. He added that most people imagine smoky, back-room sessions between legislators and university officials, but at every meeting with Lou, there were students there as well.

Rose said other schools like the University of Illinois followed suit.

"Lou knows that students do have something to say," Rose said.

"Students being there say more to a representative than Lou could."

Rose was also glad a local figure was appointed. Lou cares about the community and the students and their outcomes, Rose said.

"There's been a lot of antagonism between the community and university in the past," Rose said.

"Eastern needs someone with ties to the community to make this work."

**"Lou knows that students
do have something to say"**

-Chapin Rose



Photographs by Stephen Haas

Left, President Hencken soaks in the smells and sights of Eastern's picturesque campus.

Bottom right, Hencken speaks about how honored he is to become president of Eastern.

Above right, an onlooker observes former President Surles' portrait displayed in the lobby of Old Main.

Homecoming 2003: the good, the bad, the 80's

By Jeff Stauber

Courtesy of the Daily Eastern News

Only bad weather stopped Eastern students from celebrating during Homecoming weekend in October.

Despite light drizzle and increased police presence, many came out for the Homecoming Parade.

"There were a lot of people out there this year," said Beth Hancock, a junior special education major. She rode on the Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministries float, which had an "Indiana Jones" theme. Hancock said she also noticed the heightened security during the parade.

"It seemed like there was at least one cop on every block," she said. "The parade seemed to be pretty toned-down," said John Simon, a freshman accounting major. "Everyone acted pretty well."

Hancock said students celebrating along the parade route were overly cautious of the police.

"I was surprised to see that some people fenced off their yards because it really didn't seem like they needed to do that," she said. "No one was acting wild or causing any problems."

Eric McAdamis, a senior political science major, didn't go to the parade, but said students across campus were apprehensive about the level of police involvement over Homecoming.



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Above, a student paints a section of windows of the Union walkway in preparation of Homecoming.

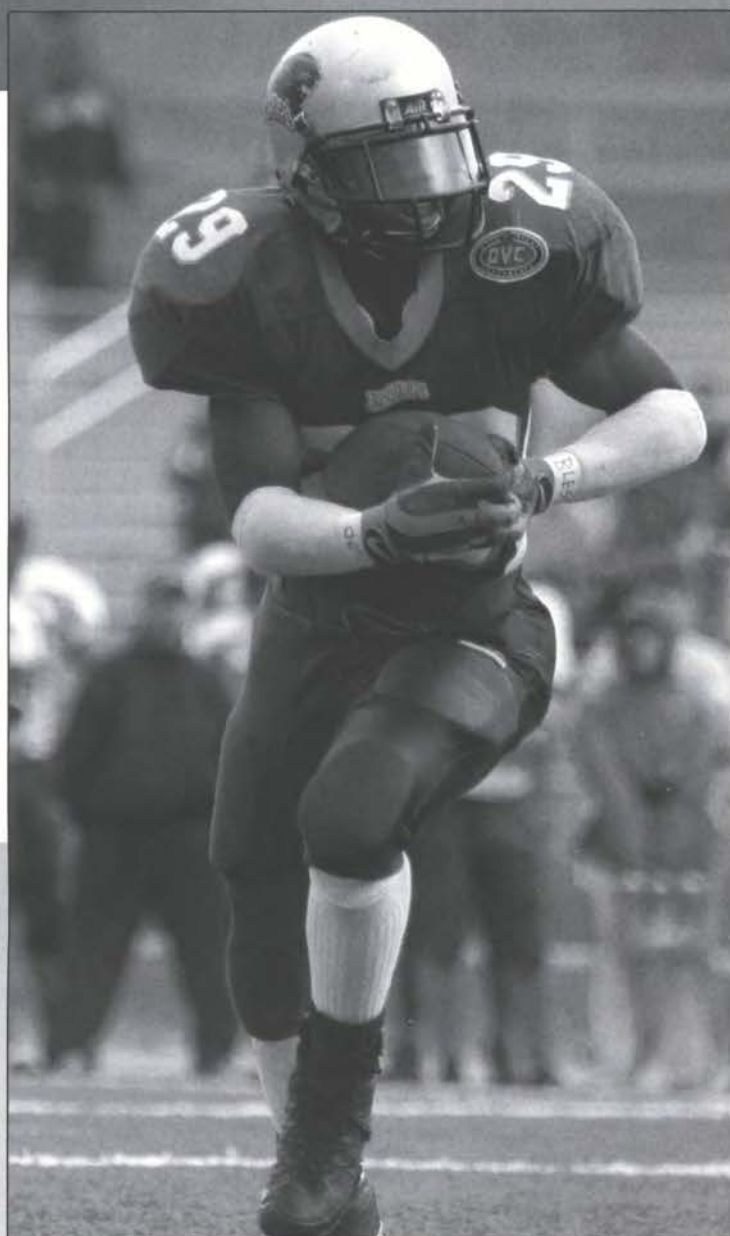
Left, Andrea York (right), junior family and consumer sciences major, reads the instructions for removing the spare tire while Brenna Halpin (left), junior family and consumer sciences major, tries to figure it out. The two were going to use the tire for a game at the Fun Games Homecoming event.



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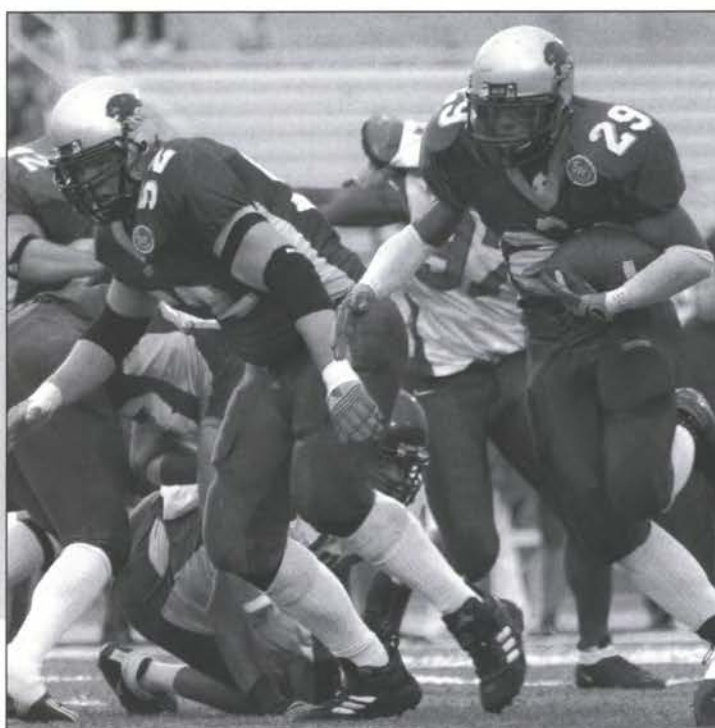
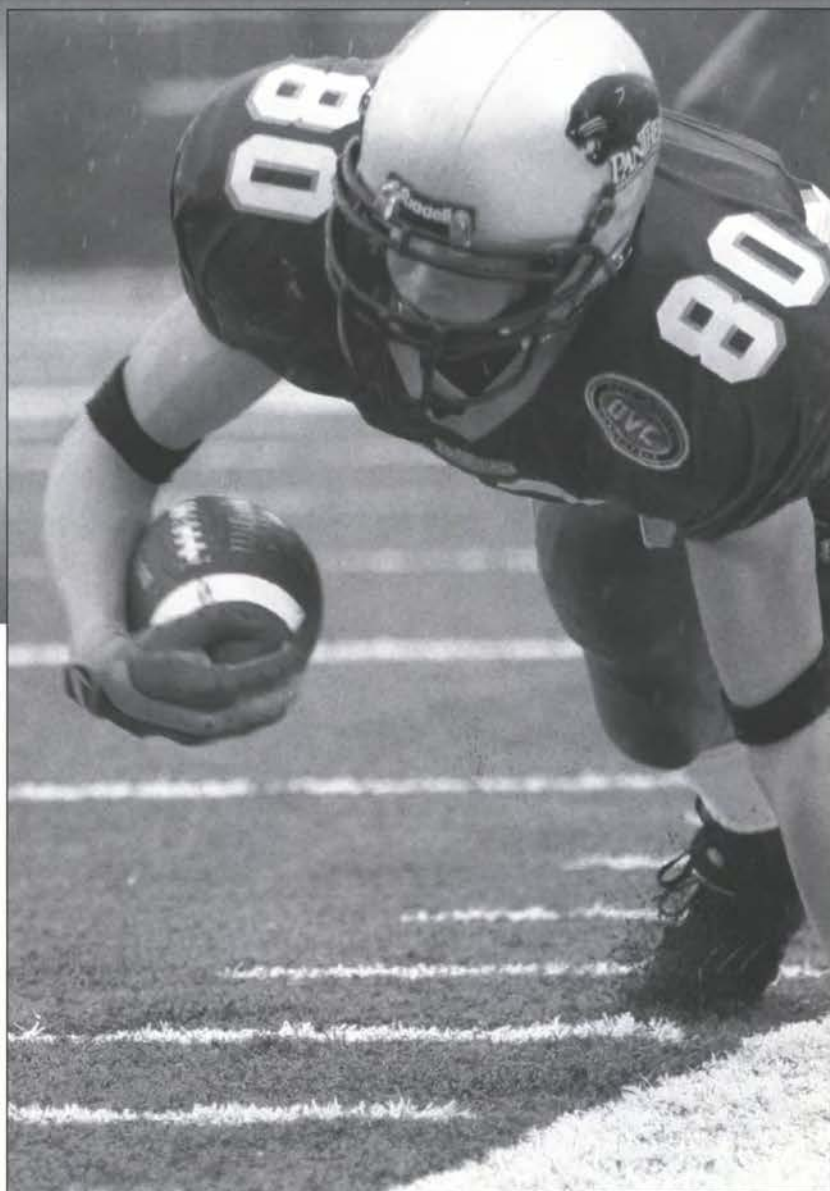
Kelly Edwards, a junior speech communications major, hugs Larry Ward III, a senior finance major, after being crowned Homecoming 2003 Queen and King in Lantz Arena.

There's Nothing Like



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Above, red-shirt freshman running Back Vincent Webb pushes up the field in the second quarter.



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Above, Vincent Webb runs the ball through the line of scrimmage in the first quarter.

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At left, a player gets tackled during the Homecoming game.

Below, Prowler, the EIU mascot, slides down the stair rail while entertaining the crowd during the Homecoming Game against Tennessee-Martin Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium.



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At left, Jessica Perillo performs with the cheerleading team before halftime during the Homecoming game against Tennessee-Martin.



Homecoming Football

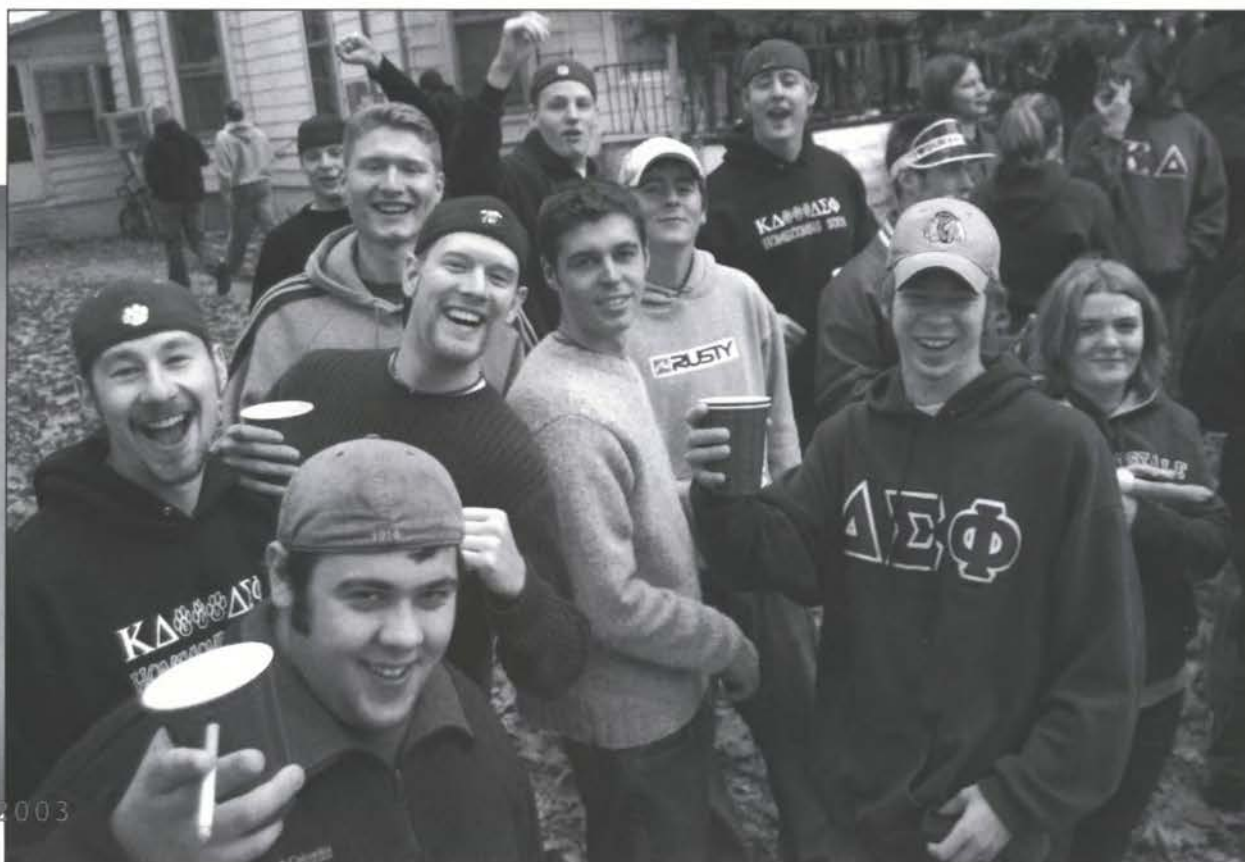
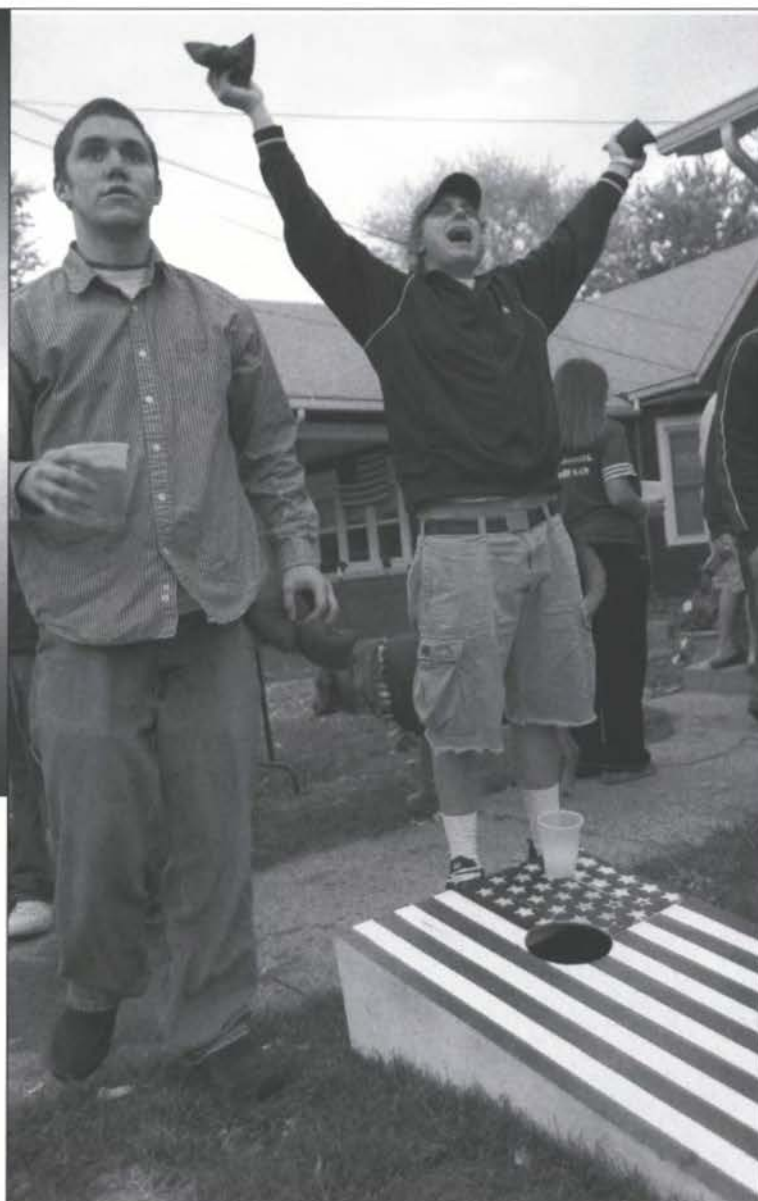
HOMECOMING 2003

An energetic fan entertains the crowd during the Homecoming pep rally last year in O'Brien Stadium.

Right, John Hock (right), senior family and consumer sciences major, celebrates during a game of beanbags while Mike Coughlin (left), sophomore engineering major visiting from UIC, watches on.

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Below, Eastern students party at a house party on Seventh Street before the Homecoming parade.





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Above, Members of the Panther Marching Band entertain the crowd during the Homecoming Parade.

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At left, students celebrate Homecoming.

Homecoming chaos

Stepping up . . . at the Homecoming step show



Photographs by Stephen Haas

Above, Alpha Phi Alpha performs their step routine during the Johnetta Jones Memorial Step Show.

Opposite page, The Jolie dance group performs their step show act in the Student Recreation Center.



By Tracy Drake and Marielle McNeal
Warbler Staff Writers

The first annual Johnetta Jones Memorial step show took place on October 24, 2003, in honor of Johnetta Jones, 56, director of minority affairs who died this past year. Aside from being the director of minority affairs, Jones was employed at Eastern for 26 years and involved in the Judicial Board, Illinois Committee for Black Concern and Higher Education, Enrollment Committee and the Minority Internship Committee. Although Jones held many leadership roles, she was also a motherly figure for many minority students at Eastern, a well-loved co-worker and an overall caring and concerned individual.

Comedian Soya D, who has appeared on BET's (Black Entertainment Television) *Comic View*, hosted the step show. Special guests included the Divine Dance Team, Jolie Dance Group and Zeta Phi Zeta, a Christian based coed fraternity. Competing participants included three sororities and two fraternities... Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta Sororities Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities Inc.

According to sophomore business major Chiquitta Allen, "The show was well organized and created a positive image in uniting a long history of black Greek culture through stepping."

The show was innovative; participants used various forms of props and attention-grabbers to draw the audience's

attention to the stage. Junior NaFisah Freeman, a participant and member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. said, "The step show was a great experience and was very exciting. It was great to go from being an audience member to one of the performers on stage."

Overall, the audience reaction to the performers was overpowering. Comedian Soya D kept them laughing and in good spirits while the performers kept them on the edge of their seats, moving to the beat.

Sophomore Bianca Roberson, a participant and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., said, "Preparing for the step show was a lot of hard work, but seeing the audience's reaction made it well worth it."

In the end, however, there was one fraternity and one sorority left standing. Once the winners were announced there were several burst of enthusiasm and shouts of joy. The last sorority standing was Sigma Gamma Rho and representing the fraternities was Phi Beta Sigma. This year was Freeman's first step show and the first win for Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

"It was extra special, and I can't wait to do it again next year," Freeman said.

Randy Miles, a junior and member of Phi Beta Sigma said his fraternity had a lot of fun organizing their performance, but it was a lot of work.

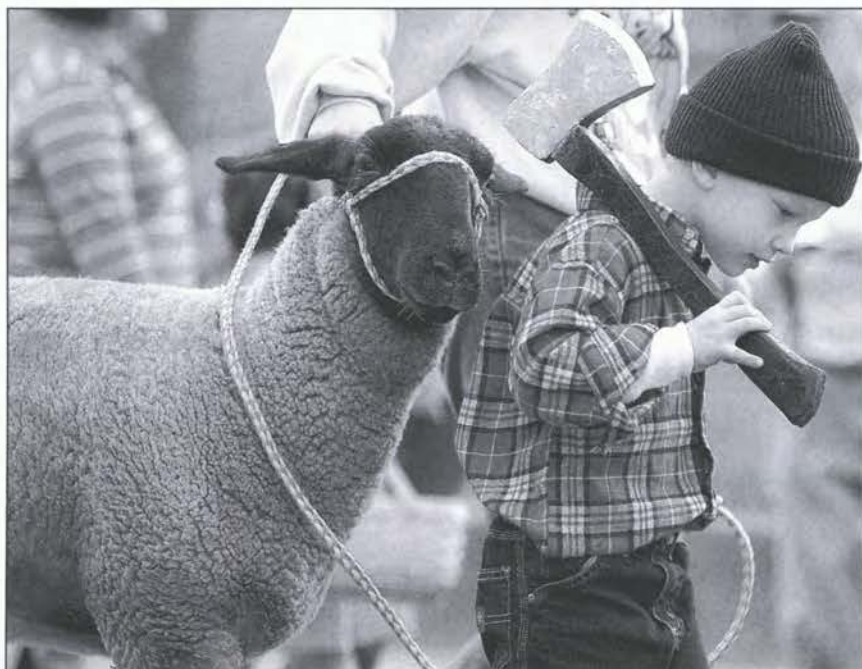
"I'm happy we won, a lot of hard work and strategizing went into planning our performance. Overall, the competition was fierce and everyone did a good job," Miles said.

Making Halloween Scary



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Erin McGovern (left), freshman political science major, and Colleen O'Connor (center), senior science major, stuff balloons into the outfit of Sara Rauch (right), junior elementary education major, in O'Connor's room in McKinney Hall. Rauch and O'Connor dressed as gumball machines, and McGovern went out as a French maid.



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Above, Dressed as a cat for Halloween, Ella Lugar, 22 months old, plays with Gizmo, a Chihuahua mix, while Heather Lugar, Ella's aunt and a 1998 Eastern alumna, watches on during the costume judging at the 47th Annual Kiwanis Halloween Parade at the Charleston Square.

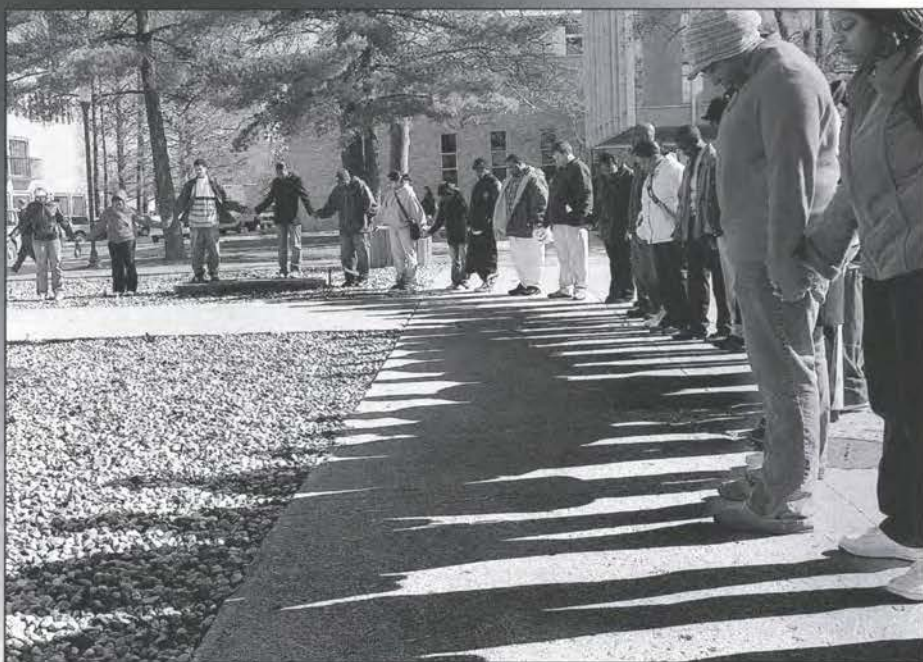
Left, Bret Pfeiffer, 4, walks in the Kiwanis Halloween Parade Friday afternoon as Paul Bunyan while his mother, Amy, helps lead the family's 9-month-old sheep, Scooby, which was colored blue with spray-on hair coloring to represent Babe the Blue Ox.

Visions on Campus



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Above, Students stretch a sheet of plastic 399 feet from the Commemorative Courtyard to the northwest corner of the Doudna Fine Arts Building April 17 as a visual for a message by Roy Lanham, campus minister of the Newman Catholic Center, during ECHOfest on the Library Quad. Each foot of the plastic represented a billion dollars, and the total amount of money (\$399 billion) spent every day on the war in Iraq.



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Left, a fisherman tries to see if the fish are biting at the campus pond.

Above, Students gather in prayer during a peace rally.

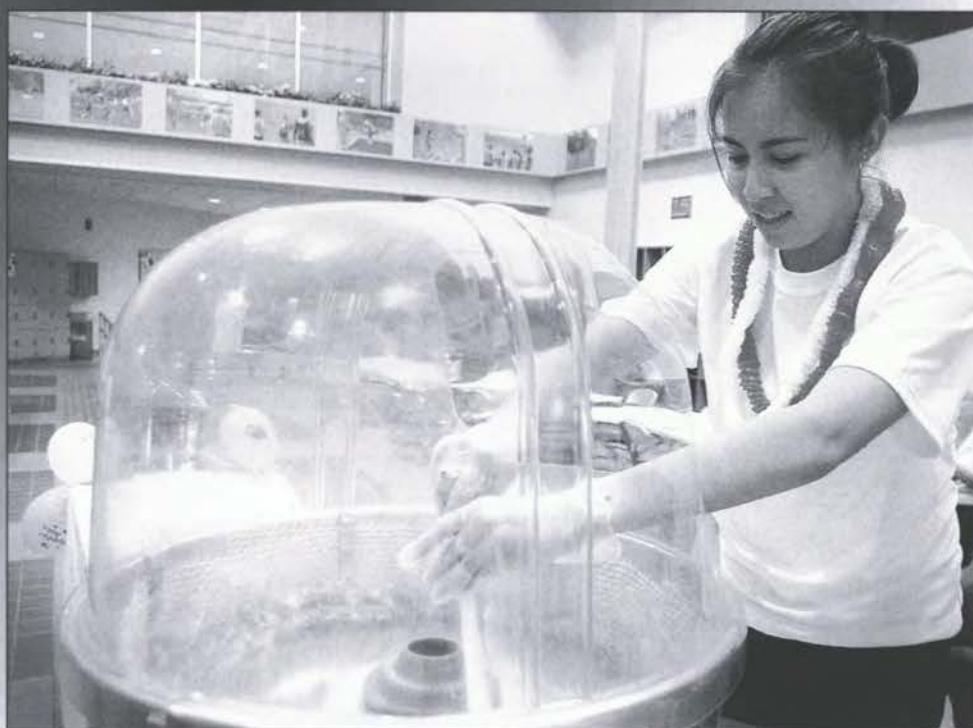


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Above, Students feast at the international foods banquet. The banquet gave students the opportunity to taste foods from a variety of cultures.

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Right, Maria Santoyo, a sophomore elementary education major, makes cotton candy April 17 during the University Board Tikifest Spring Fling in the Student Recreation Center.



It's all in the family (weekend)

Comedian Wayne Brady delivers loads of laughs

By Jennifer Chiariello
Warbler Campus Editor

Wayne Brady and Friends entertained a large audience Oct. 11 in Lantz Arena during Eastern's family weekend. The show began with an introduction by the Parents Club and an announcement of 26 Parents Club scholarship winners.

Brady began the show with an improvised rap song with audience suggested words, such as discombobulated, porifera and mullet.

Audrey Tardio, a retiree from Carol Stream, Ill., was selected from the front row to accompany Brady with singing a romantic song. Brady serenaded Tardio to Jamaican beats of "Shake that thing" as the two danced.

"I didn't know what to say," Tardio said. "I was so nervous I couldn't get anything out."

Tardio said Brady has "a lot of talent and is a very nice gentleman."

"I've never seen him before, but even without him coming over here by me, I enjoyed him so much."

Tiffany Tardio, a graphic design and elementary education double major, brought her grandmother Audrey to the show.

"We always come to the Eastern shows."

Tiffany was pleased her grandmother was selected to participate in the show.

"It was adorable and I loved it," she said.

Brady also selected a male student from the audience to make sound effects to an improvised act of a taxidermist, which audience members supplied material for.

Audience members also submitted types of video and television, theatre and fairy tales to which Brady improvised with as a substitute teacher at story time.

The majority and final portion of the show, Brady performed a mock radio broadcast featuring song styles submitted by audience members. Some song imitations included "Ode to the tidy bowl man," sung as Creed; "You think I'm wearing pants, but I'm not," sung as Rod Stewart; "Just because they make spandex in your size, doesn't mean you should wear it," sung as country music; "An oompa loompa stole my wallet," sung as a boy band; "Pigeon Poop," sung as Ozzy Osborne; "The Freshman 15," sung as Prince; "Why hasn't anyone changed the toilet paper roll," as Tina Turner; and "My lady doesn't shave her legs," sung as Elvis Presley.

Neal Luallen, a 1990 Eastern graduate, came to the show

with his mother, Lois Luallen, secretary in the economics department.

"We saw him on TV and thought it looked funny," Neal said. "We like the Wayne Show."

"It's amazing how he can take things from the audience and put it in his act," Lois said.

After the show, Brady met some of the students and faculty that contributed to the event, including press and Adam Due, chief of the university police department.

"I really don't go to many universities because I'm working," Brady said.

After a student mentioned Eastern's football team lost, Brady laughed saying, "I really wouldn't bring that up though."

Co-Vice Presidents of the Parents Club Barbara Mitchell and Keith Kittell met and had their photograph taken with Brady after the show.

"I voted for him last year (to come to Eastern)," Mitchell said. "He appeals to everybody with comedy and music."

"We watch him all the time on his show and Drew Carey ... everyone gets involved," Kittell said.

Some people seated in the balcony for the show, were not happy with the sound at the show.

"You couldn't hear him, it was muffled," said Andrew Walker, a junior information systems major.

"The acoustics could have sounded better, but his physical comedy made up for it."

Walker also said Brady did not face the audience seated in his section.

Some members of the audience enjoyed the show, but some aspects of the show could have been improved.

"I think the beginning was very lively, but the concert portion ran too long," said Dan Carroll of Mount Prospect, Ill. "He should have done more improv."





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Opposite page, Wayne Brady showcases his comedic skills during his fall family weekend show.

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Above, Comedian Wayne Brady entices a member of the audience with his antics.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Family and friends join in



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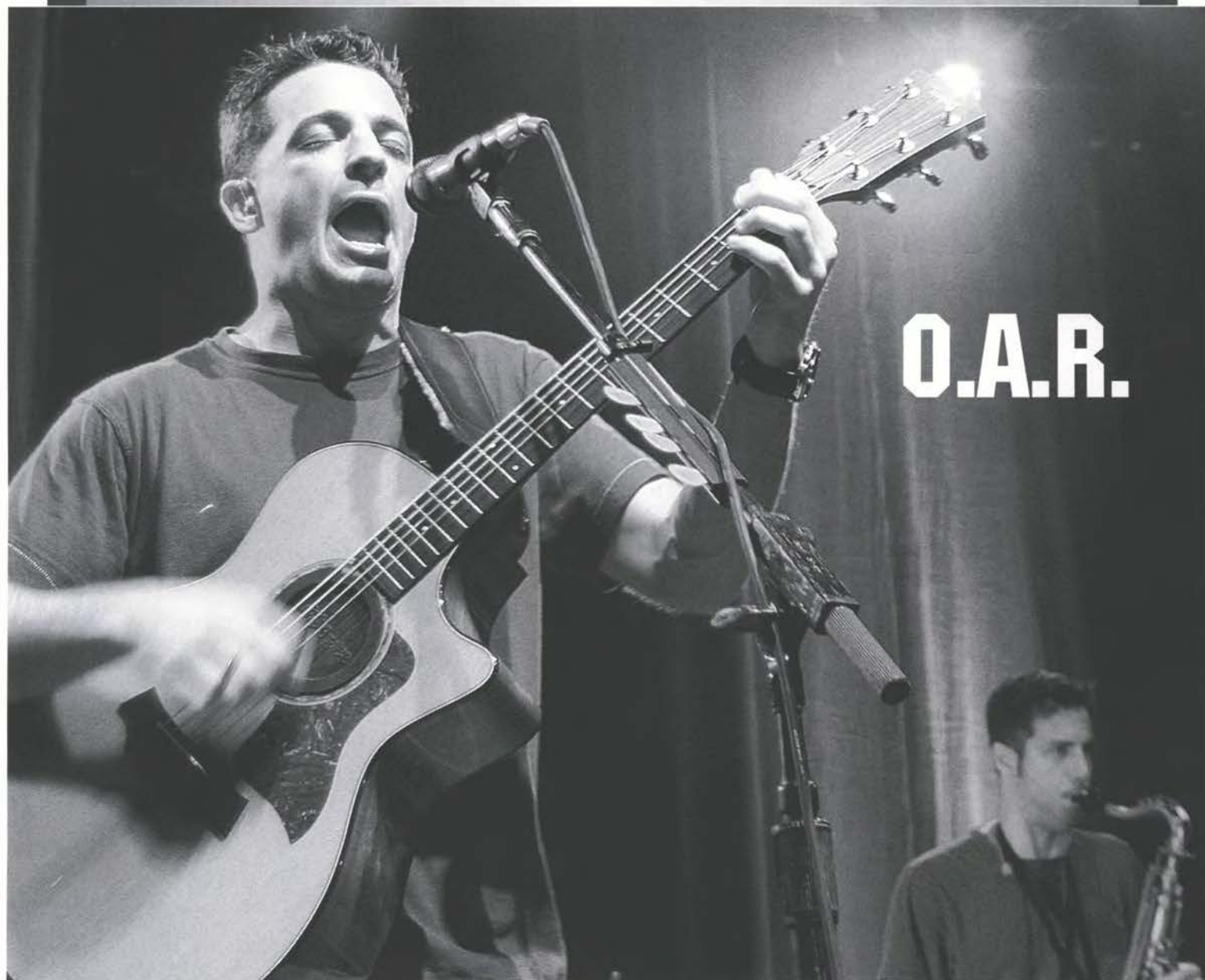
Above and at right, The Taylor family prepares a meal on their charcoal grill in the parking lot outside the Student Recreation Center before the football game during Family Weekend.

festivities before the game



May I have your attention please

UB concert presentations of the year

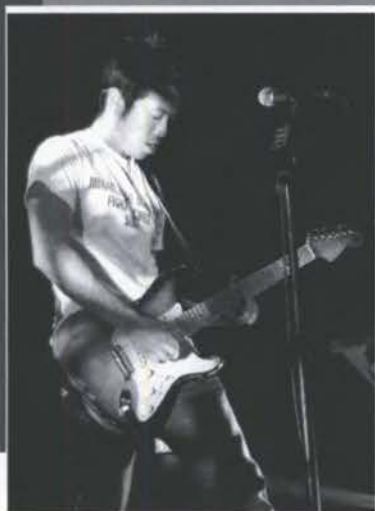


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Mark Roberge, lead singer and guitarist for the band Of a Revolution, belts out lyrics in Lantz Arena Sunday evening Nov. 2, 2003. while saxophonist Jerry DePizzo plays in the background. O.A.R. played with Spearhead for the University Board fall concert.

Eastern was spoiled with a slew of concerts during the 2003-2004 academic year. On Nov. 2, O.A.R flooded students' ears with their fluid melodies while renowned Chicago rap artist Twista performed Nov. 15 in McAfee Gymnasium.

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At Right, Richard On, lead guitarist with Of a Revolution, plays an electric guitar solo in Lantz Arena on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003.

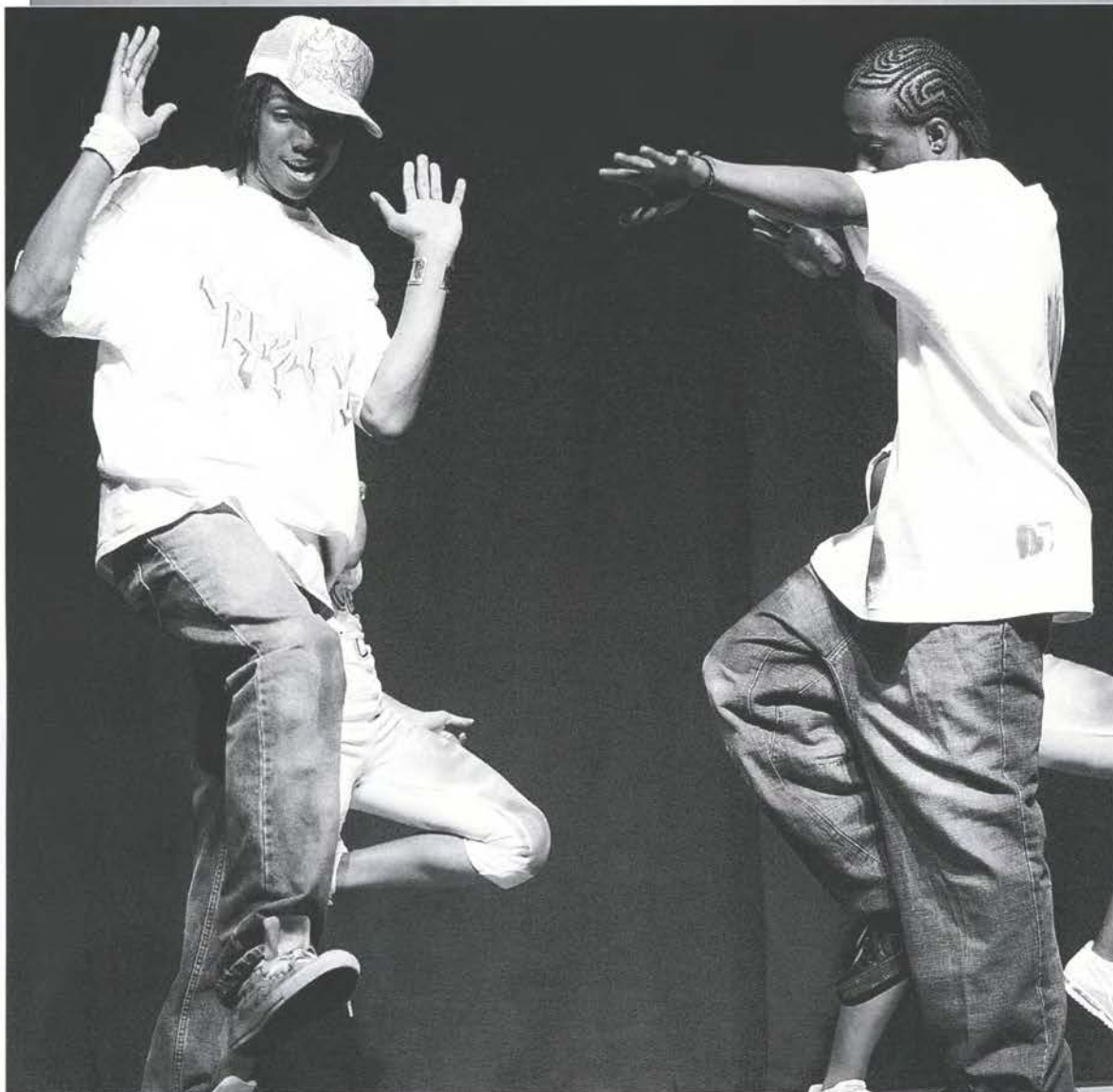
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At right, Michael Franti sings along with the band Spearhead Sunday evening in Lantz Arena during the UB fall concert. Franti and Spearhead opened for O.A.R.

Spearhead



More spring ear candy



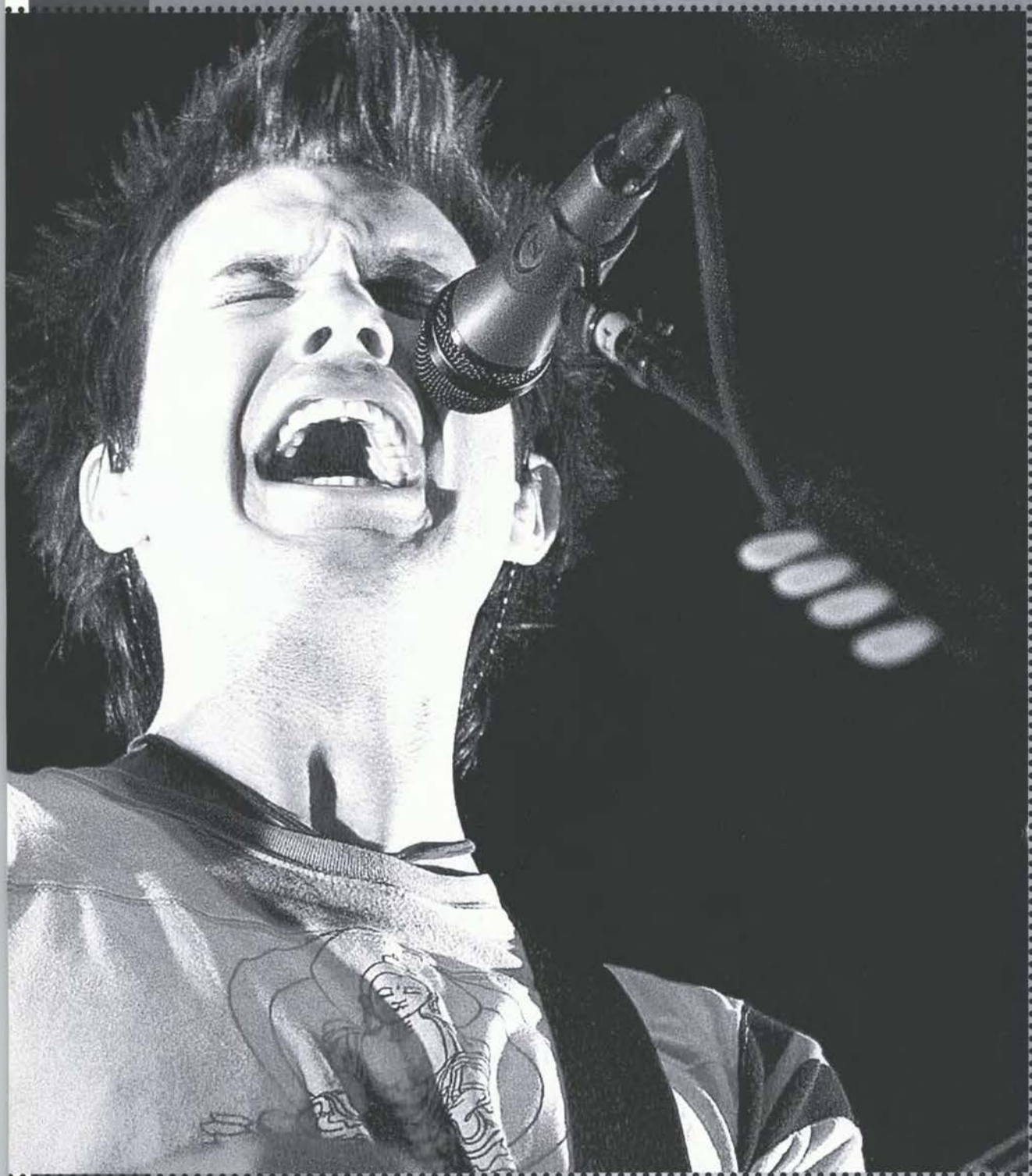
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Performers from Rhythm n' X-tacy perform in a dance competition April 3 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Photograph By Colin McAuliffe

At right, Owen Beverly performs for students Sunday night in Lantz Arena as the opening act for Howie Day.





Photograph by Stephen Haas

Singer/songwriter Howie Day performs April 4 in Lantz Arena as the first show of the University Board Spring Concert Series. He performed to a crowd of 715 fans.

True calling: Alumna finds niche in art world

By Niki Jensen
Warbler Staff Writer

Eastern alumna Jan Spivey Gilchrist sees what others cannot. Her big, luminous eyes will effortlessly observe the way shadows alter the composition of one's face. She might look at a pair of dark denim jeans and ponder the perfect paint combination for procuring that same rich hue. Gilchrist is an acclaimed African-American children's book illustrator and artist who cannot help but paint nearly every visual element that inhabits her world.

"I was always trying to take a 3-dimensional space and put it on a 2-dimensional canvas," explains the 1992 recipient of Eastern's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Art is Gilchrist's great love. But is also her life.

"I don't remember not being an artist," she said. "It's all of me; it's part of me; it doesn't really separate from me." Grand paintings and collection pieces, penciled drawings and portraits adorn the walls of Gilchrist's cozy ranch home nestled among patches of trees in the south Chicago suburb of Olympia Fields.

A recent Saturday afternoon finds the spirited artist vividly recalling how, as an adolescent, she once created an intricate mural on her parents' dining room wall. This venture was followed by a depiction of Venice on a neighbor's wall.

"I never knew I wasn't supposed to be doing that until I was older," Gilchrist said of her former belief such creations were not out of the ordinary.

But now, after years of receiving praise and recognition by peers and professionals alike, it seems as though the woman with tightly braided hair and a sincere smile truly understands the magnitude of her artistic gift.

"She's a genius, a gift," affirms Eastern graduate and husband Kelvin Gilchrist. "She's been blessed with a gift."

Prominent painter

Gilchrist's hands have crafted many remarkable works in their lifetime.

In fact, some of her most recent paintings can be seen on the Oxygen network during the month of February.

The artist was recently commissioned by Oxygen to create a series of six paintings depicting images of African-American history for the channel's Black History Month commercial. The commercial, whose "Everybody's History" theme links African-American history with that of all people, features Gilchrist's poignant expressive images of a race that has both triumphed and evolved in its journey from Africa to America. Perhaps Eastern's faithful will take particular interest in Gilchrist's portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. hanging proudly in the union of the same name.

"I went nuts," Gilchrist said after being selected by the university to create the painting in honor of the union's 1972

rededication as the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Situated to the left of the University Ballroom, Gilchrist's stirring image of King seems to capture an air of urgency cleverly captured in King's startling gaze and opened mouth. As with her portrait of King, Gilchrist uses detailed facial expressions to reveal the true essences of her subjects.

"I've always been mystified by people," she said about her penchant for creating paintings about people. "My paintings have always been about relationships." Many of Gilchrist's paintings illustrate the honest and intense emotions that exist among members of a family.

A New direction

Though Gilchrist's paintings have been featured in countless national exhibits over the years, it is her work as a celebrated illustrator of children's books that has brought her further acclaim.

An illustrator of more than 55 children's books, Gilchrist revealed she stumbled rather unexpectedly into this rewarding aspect of her career.

It was at an Eloise Greenfield book signing that Gilchrist handed the prestigious children's author an original print of a little girl displaying a pensive look.

"I remembered Jan Spivey Gilchrist and how beautiful her work was," Greenfield said of the meeting. "Every line that she draws or every stroke that she paints is an expression of her feelings about human beings and about life."

In fact, Greenfield was so impressed with the authenticity of the image she called Gilchrist about a year later to inquire if she would illustrate a new children's book written by her mother. Gilchrist accepted the offer and great success soon followed. In 1990, Gilchrist won the Coretta Scott King Award for her illustrations in Greenfield's "Nathaniel Talking." This was just her second children's book.

"I was screaming like a crazy woman," Gilchrist said.

Gilchrist said the honor was especially gratifying because the illustrations in "Nathaniel Talking" were created with the first tool she ever used: the pencil.

"It's my best friend," she said.

To date, Gilchrist and Greenfield have collaborated on more than 30 children's books, a partnership that garnered Gilchrist her second Coretta Scott King Award in 1992 for "Night on Neighborhood Street."

Back to the beginning

A sequence of book illustrations is securely taped to the wood paneled wall of Greenfield's dual family room and art studio.

The illustrations, splashed with bright yellows and reds, are still being perfected by Gilchrist for the reissued version of



Submitted photograph

Eastern alumna Jan Spivey Gilchrist found her calling as an artist and illustrator.

Greenfield's "Me and Neesie," to be published in 2005. Gilchrist's studio is situated at the opposite end of the room, anchored by a large drawing table that is strewn with various paints, papers and drawing tools.

It is here in the family room where Gilchrist wishes to create her art. After all, that's how it all began — among the company of her family and close-knit neighborhood.

As a young artist, Gilchrist spent many hours sitting on the family porch drawing the neighborhood kids who traversed up and down her street in the Englewood section of Chicago. Hindered by a bone dislocation disease, Gilchrist was confined to a wheelchair and crutches for much of her childhood.

Art, she said, was her entertainment, her fun, her greatest passion.

As one of 14 children, she honed her artistic skills by studying and drawing each newborn baby who was added to the family.

"In our house, it was like a queen was coming, a king was coming," she said of each birth.

At the age of 9, Gilchrist visited the Art Institute of Chicago with her minister father and determined right then and there what she would do with her life: paint truthful images of the African-American people who were not

depicted in the images at the famous museum.

"When I grow up, I'm going to paint these beautiful paintings with people that look like me," Gilchrist recalled thinking.

Rotell Glenn, an artist who lived on her street, was one of Gilchrist's earliest mentors.

"He painted all day, all the time," she said with a little grin. "I glued myself to him."

Glenn, along with a couple she affectionately refers to as "the Eiland's," first sparked her interest and participation in the art fair scene. At 15, the young girl participated in her first professional show that featured the works of older and well-known artists.

After graduating from high school, Gilchrist chose to attend Eastern because she liked the intimate atmosphere and had heard great things about its art department.

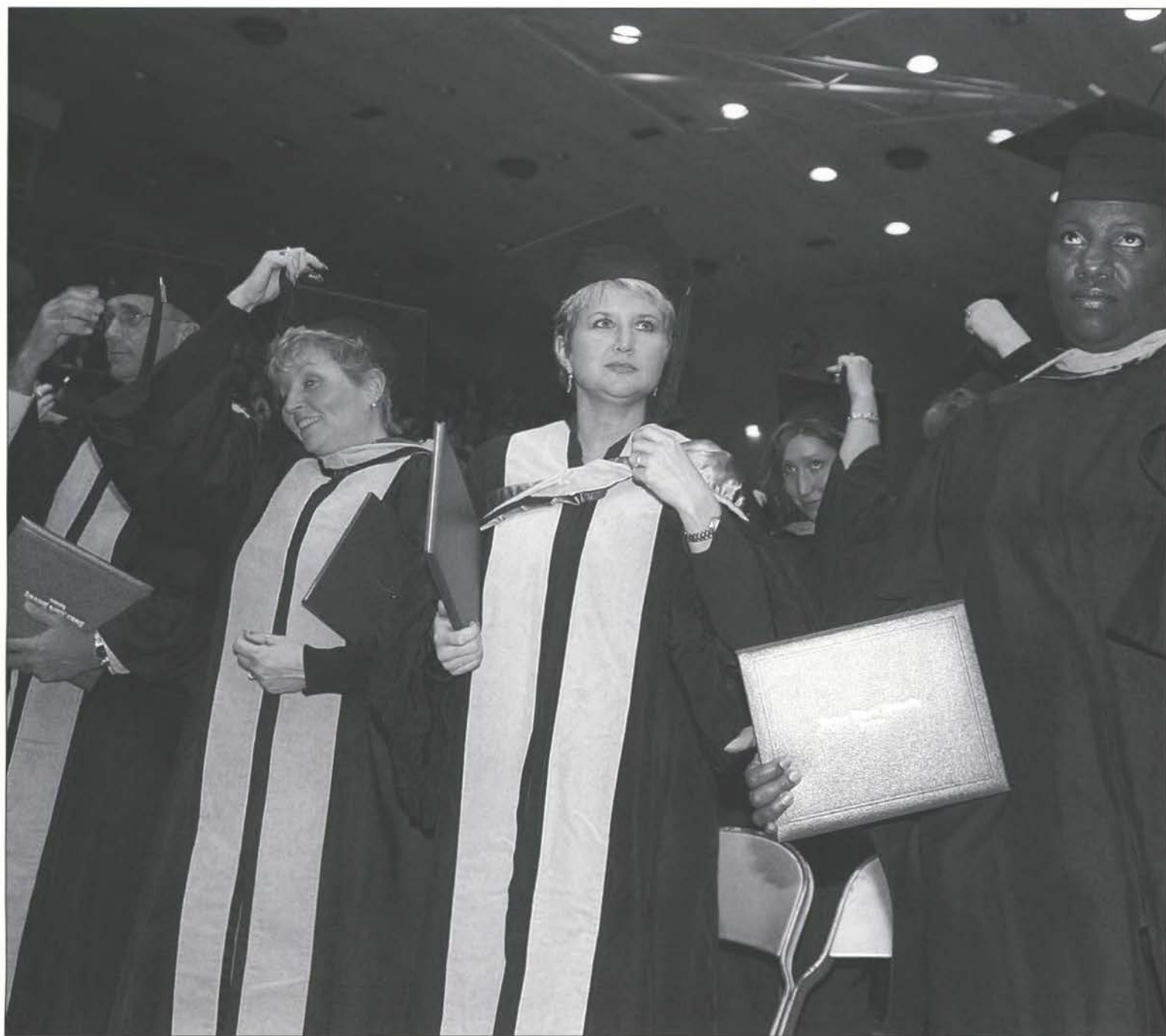
"When I came to Eastern, I just loved it," she said. "I pretty much lived in the art department; I was obsessed."

Upon earning her master's degree in painting from Northern Illinois University and teaching art for about 10 years, Gilchrist made the decision to become a full-time artist.

"Art gives us purpose," she said. "It's a joy; it's an essence of beauty. It's more than just painting a picture; it's my life."

Moving beyond EIU

Fall commencement

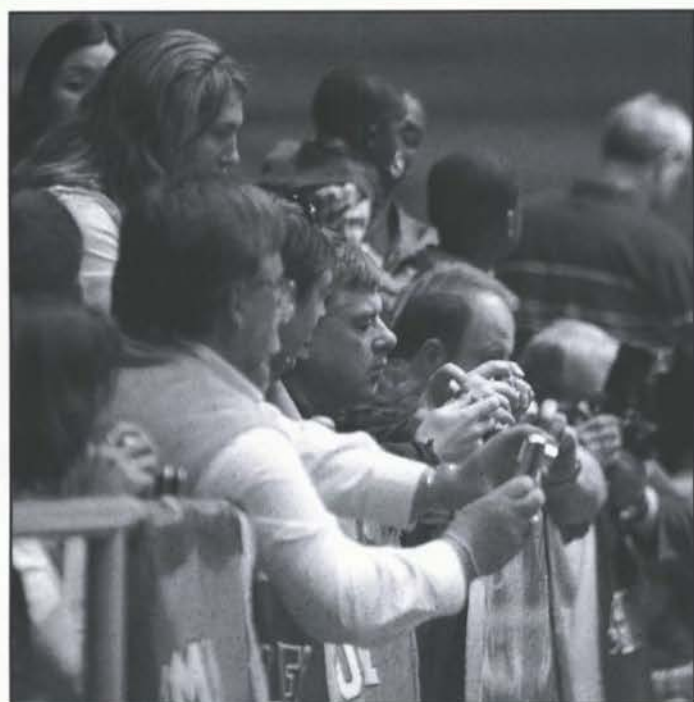


Where will **YOU** go after EIU?

Fall '03 graduates travel on to the next step in their journeys...

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Graduates move their tassels to the right side of their hats at the end of the afternoon fall commencement ceremony in Lantz Arena.



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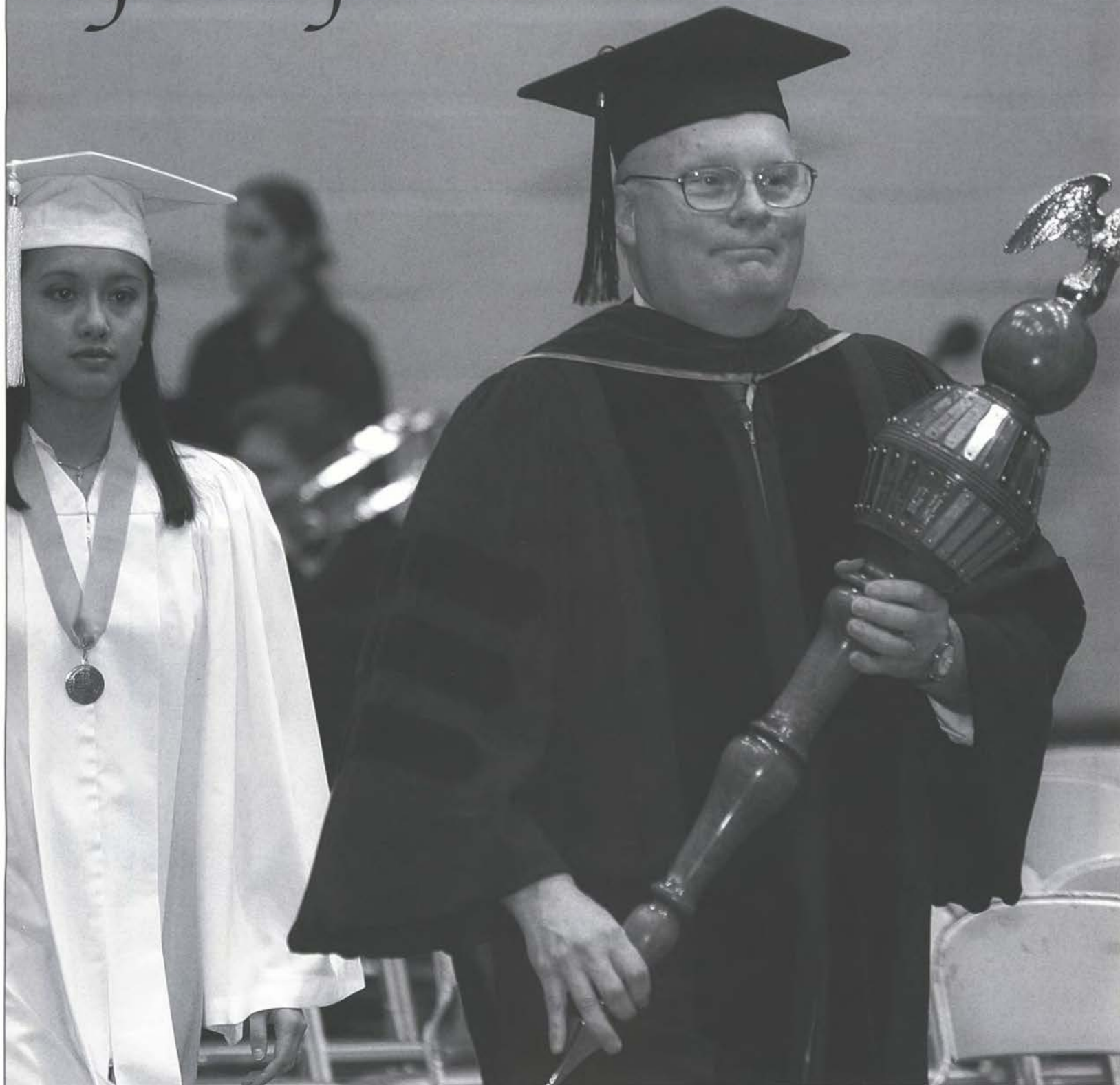
Above, Friends and family members of graduates line up to take photos during the ceremony in Lantz Arena.

Top, A family member captures the ceremony on her camcorder.

Right, Student Body President Caleb Judy speaks during the afternoon graduation ceremony in Lantz Arena.



A fond farewell ...



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Evolving, improving for what's ahead

Eugene R. Harrison, associate professor in the art department, carries in the university mace as the Commencement Marshal for the afternoon ceremony Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

Your life

***begins** now*



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Graduates line up on the side of the stage before walking the platform and receiving their diplomas Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

FALL COMMENCEMENT

A proud heritage of culture Miss Black EIU



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Left, LaDonna Murphy answers a question during the Miss Black EIU contest in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

MISS BLACK EIU



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Above, Samantha Lampton walks the runway during the evening gown portion of the 2004 Miss Black EIU in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Right, Tracey Wayne gets teary eyed after being crowned 2004 Miss Black EIU.



MISS BLACK EIU

PANTHER FEATURES DIVISION

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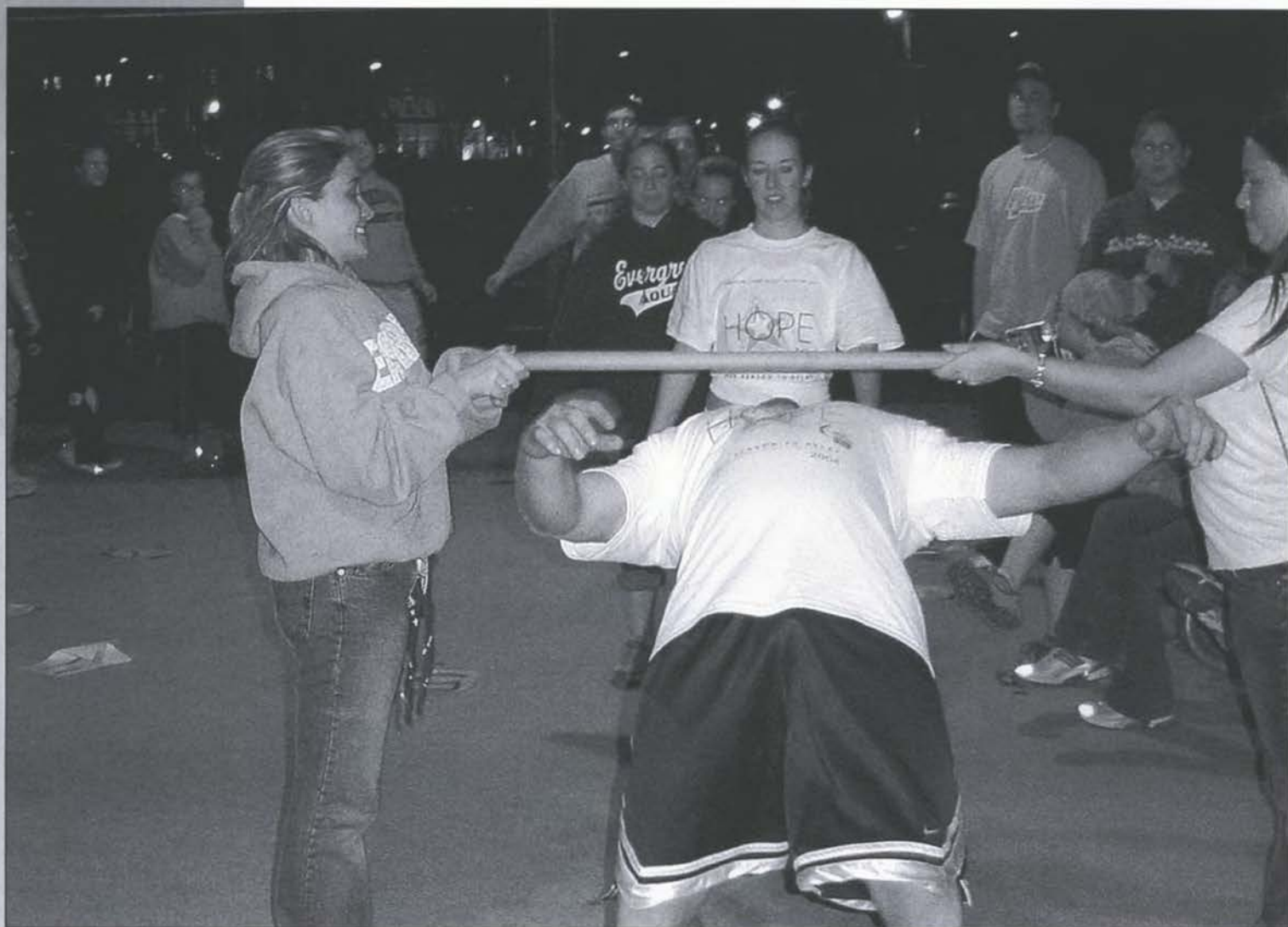
Right, The lead singer of
The Tossers provides
students with some
tunes.

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Below, Adam Hughes,
guitarist and vocalist for
the band Loki, plays a
solo during the band's
set at ECHOfest April 17
on the Library Quad.
Bassist Keith Riecke and
guitarist/vocalist Justin
Cummings are also
playing in the
background.



FEATURES DIVISION



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of Jake Thompson

Above, Luke Karcher, a junior physical education major, does the limbo during one of the many festivities at the 12 hour long Relay for Life.

Photograph by Stephen Haas

Right, A Gospel rally generates much student involvement.



Favorite Chucktown hangouts



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Above, Showplace 8 in Mattoon is always packed with students and Charleston/Mattoon residents alike. The movie theater features 8 screens that show new releases. The Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston is another theater where students hang out. The Will Rogers is an historic building that shows older movies for a cheaper price-perfect for college students.

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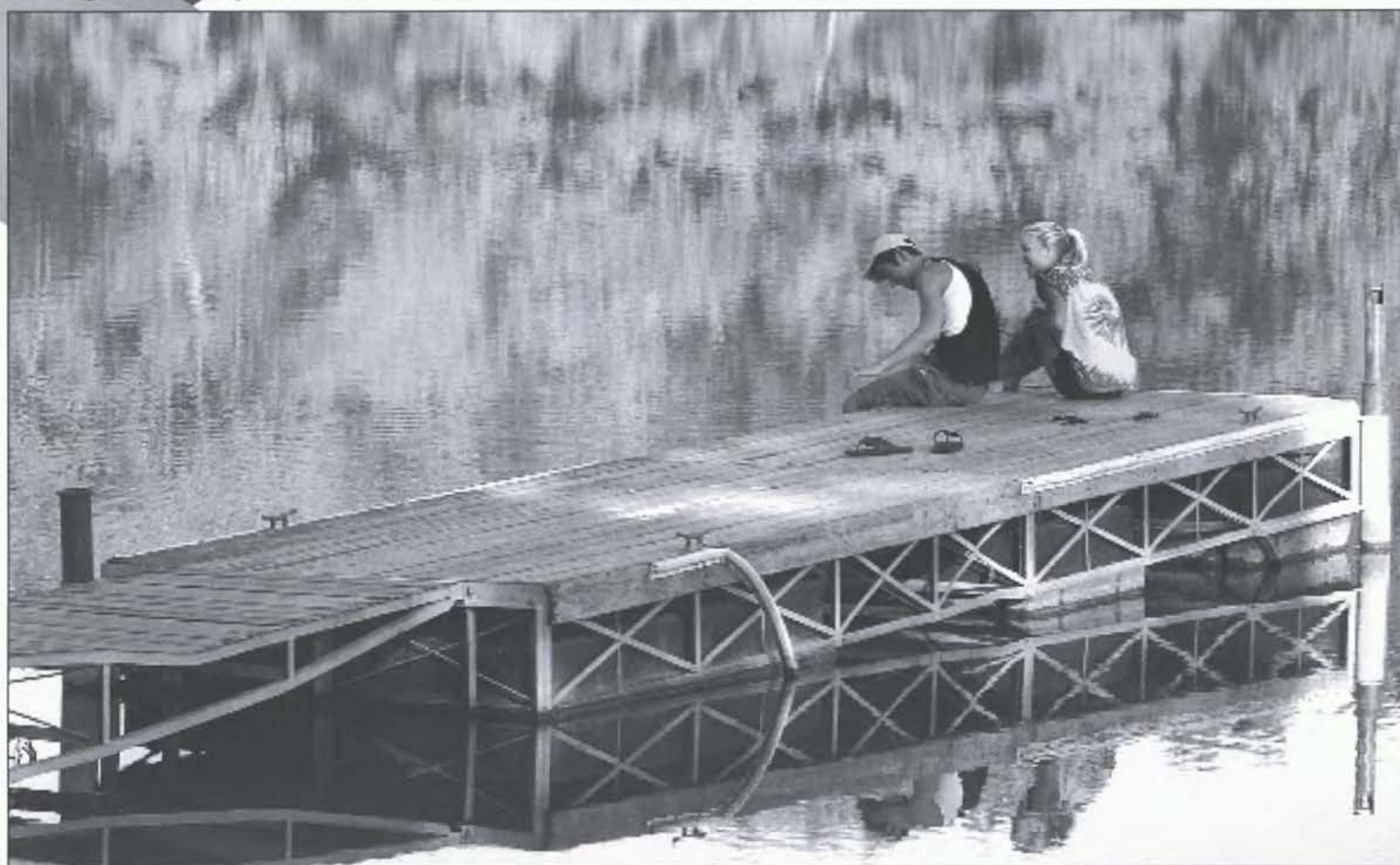
At right, Jackson Avenue coffee shop has quickly become a favorite EIU student hang out. The shop not only offers coffee, but a place to study, talk with friends and is known for its acoustic concerts. Jackson also boasts the expansion it just had completed in April 2004.





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Fox Ridge is one of the places students seek out for its serene and picturesque atmosphere.



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On warm, clear days, Eastern students often enjoy a day at Lake Charleston where they can fish and lounge by the water.

Spotlighting Charleston's

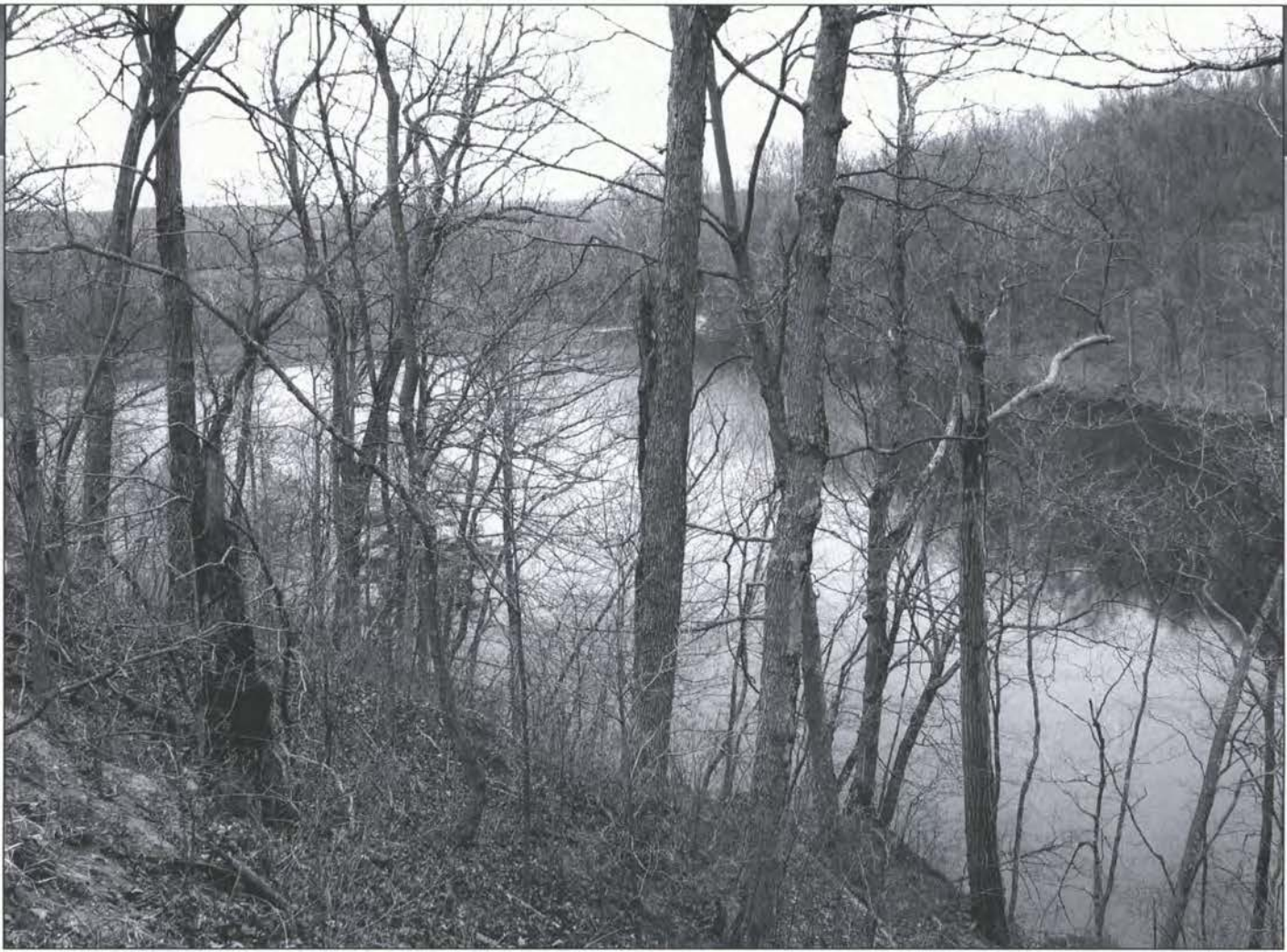
beauty

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At right, Flowers outside Buzzard bloom vibrantly.

Below, A nature trail at Fox Ridge is lined with colorful fall leaves and green moss. Many students hike these trails to experience the serenity and calmness that Charleston's nature brings.





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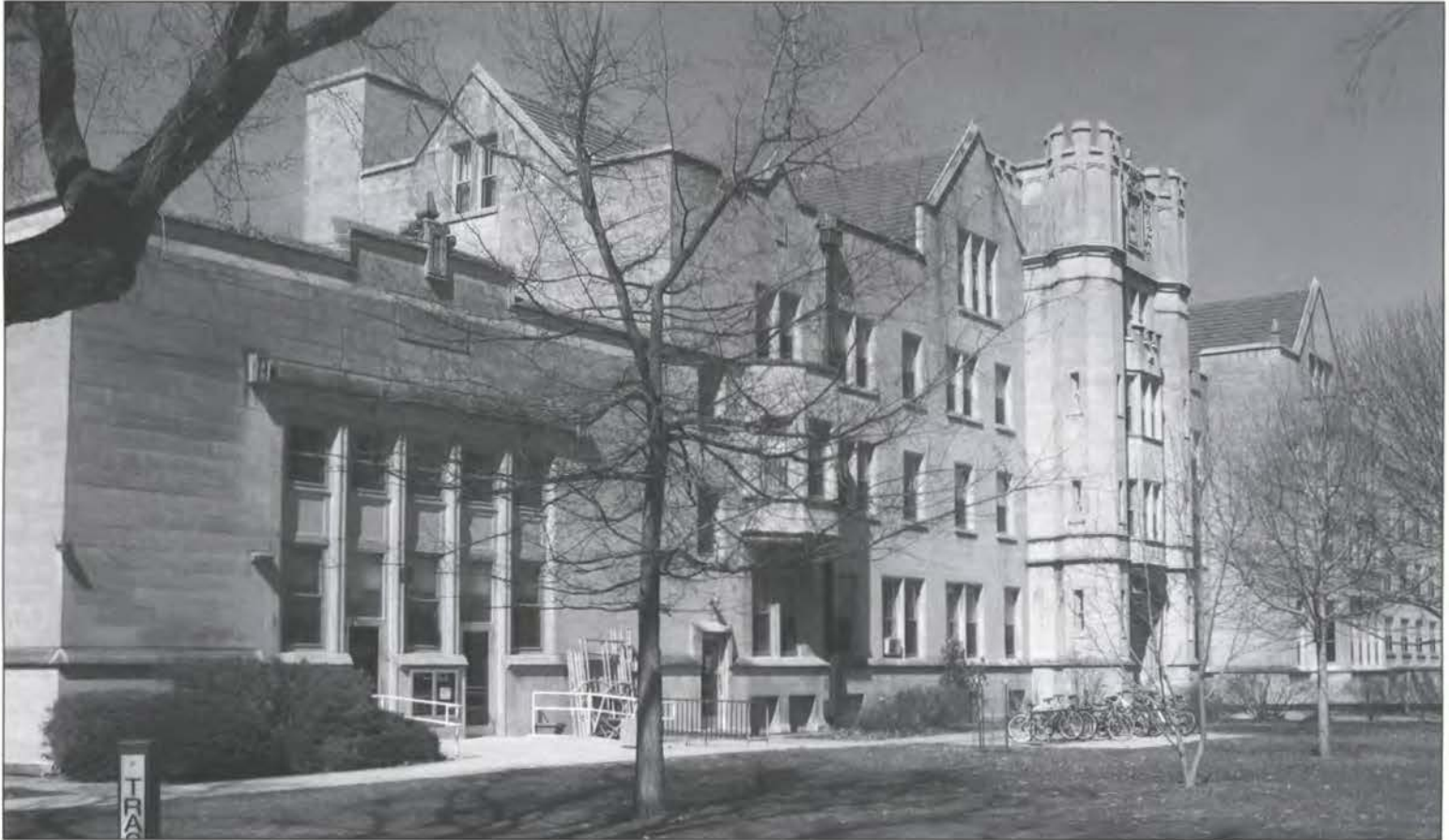
Far above, Lake Charleston shimmers brightly through the bare trees of winter.

Above, A goose breezes along the warm waters of Lake Charleston in early fall. Lake Charleston is not only home to many geese, but acts as a popular fishing area for students and Charleston residents.

Left, A white lily begins to bloom outside the Life Sciences building in early spring. Flowers bloomed all over campus adding color and life to walkways and buildings.

Just an urban legend?

The real scoop behind the scary myth involving Pemberton Hall



By **Angela Harris**
Warbler Staff Writer

An urban legend began years ago about a ghost haunting the halls of Pemberton.

The legend built into a tale of a murdered student and the ghost who mourns her death is told to this day. There are no records of a murder having taken place at Pemberton Hall, but the legend continues.

Some say the ghost of Mary Hawkins, head of Pemberton Hall, lives on to protect the girls now living there. She locks doors for the girls while they are sleeping.

Mary Hawkins, noted in the Charleston newspaper of October 1918 notice of her death, was a "Most

Worthy Woman." She was listed as a woman of "education and refinement."

In the 1913 first issue of the *W'apper*, which was the earlier yearbook name, Mary was mentioned as managing the hall with invaluable service in making life comfortable and happy for the students living there.

Mary immigrated from Liverpool, England on April 20, 1901, and arrived at New York on the vessel *Luciana*. Her declaration to become a citizen was dated Sept. 9, 1914.

Mary worked at Pemberton Hall from August 1910 until March 1917 when she was first hospitalized.

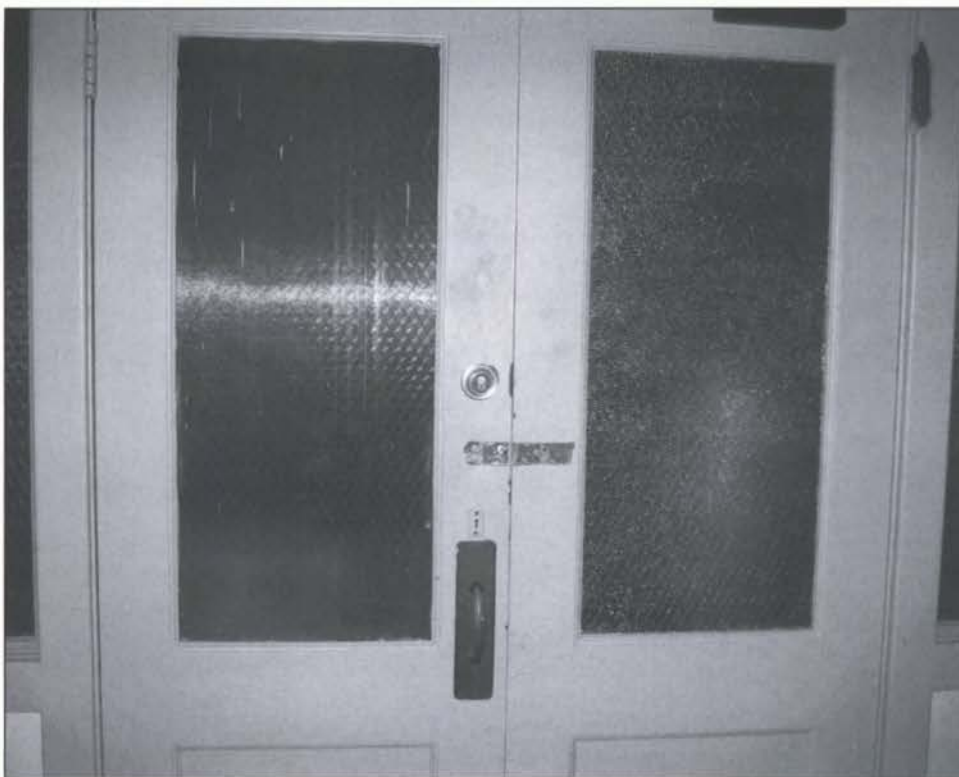
It is written that Mary allegedly suffered from brain disease, and after first being hospitalized at the M.A. Montgomery Memorial Sanitarium in Charleston on Sept. 12, 1918, she was

later admitted to Kankakee State Mental Hospital and later died there on Oct. 29, 1918.

Some eerie tales have come from the neighboring Textbook Rental employees who share some spooky happenings including one employee seeing the lid of a blue recycle tote spinning all by itself. Footsteps have been thought to follow along with a couple employees when they were locking up late at night.

One incident that I have witnessed myself, along with an employee, happened when we saw the flash of something unexplainable wiz past us in the basement break room between the two buildings.

Whatever the truth may be, one thing is certain, something is there that remains unexplained and some choose to keep the memory of Mary and her protective spirit alive.



Photographs by Alison Personette

Opposite page, Pemberton Hall, with all its gothic features, towers over campus. It is one of the oldest structures on Eastern's campus.

Above and at left, The interior of Pemberton shows no indication that ruthless spirits roam the staircases of the residence hall.

The year in fashion: personalizing styles

By Niki Jensen
Warbler Staff Writer

Whether attending class or savoring a night on the town, Eastern students often looked stylish during the fall thanks to several sizzling fashion trends.

The fall fashion season featured specific "in-style" looks, said family and consumer sciences professor Jean Dilworth.

Though Dilworth usually sees students in comfortable staples like sweatshirts and blue jeans, the professor who specializes in clothing merchandising said the influence of what is hot was better reflected when students dressed up.

Revivals of trends popular in earlier decades – think monogrammed sweaters – and an emphasis on rich, textured fabrics – such as tweed – gave students incentive to spice up everyday wear with trendy pieces.

Jennifer Canaan, an assistant fashion buyer for Saks Incorporated that owns the regional Bergners and Carson Pirie Scott department stores, agreed with Dilworth that several key apparel items provided the fall season with distinct and fresh touches.

"It's all about color and detailing and trim," Canaan said.

The following trends dominated the fall fashion landscape and helped Eastern students rise from their fashion ruts.

Personalize it

The fall season was all about personalization.

Clothing featuring one's initials and monogrammed accessory items were in extremely high demand, according to Canaan.

She said the Laverne and Shirley initialed sweater craze—perhaps the season's biggest—was a result of fall's "anything about you" mentality.

Senior psychology major Angela Geisler said this fad really caught on at Eastern.

"The monogrammed sweaters were definitely in style and you could find them at any type of store you went to," she said.

Va-voom velour

Velour's return to the fashion scene supported Dilworth's belief that trends tend to reinvent themselves about every few decades.

And this time, velour came back with a bang. "It's been a while since (velvet) has been 'in,'" Dilworth said.

"And it's very 'in.'"

Canaan attributed this revival to the popularity of Juicy Couture, a California-based company specializing in pricey velour casual wear that is adored by celebrities and often featured in the pages of women's magazines.

"Now it's cool to wear sweatpants," Canaan said, referring to fall's velvet separates that lend new meaning to sporty chic.

Bright and funky

Fall's dressier attire leaned toward the bold and daring rather than the classic and subdued.

Vibrant colors and edgier, urban detailing characterized the stylish apparel worn at Charleston nightclubs such as Stix and Stus.

Geisler said form-fitting shirts with cut-out holes, mesh netting and zipper details seemed all the rage for nighttime partying.

Kyla Nance, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, said funky details were popular because "people are looking for that one thing that makes their outfit a little different."

From eccentric one-shouldered tops to the pink suede pants Canaan said were a top seller at Saks Fifth Avenue, fall fashion walked a little on the wild side.

Tweed and 'skins'

Tweed was the novelty fabric of the season.

This coarse wool blend composed of more than two colors added an air of polished femininity to knee-length coats, cropped jackets, pants and skirts.

Dilworth said the popularity of tweed coincided with a shift toward more conservative and structured workplace fashions as a result of the country's ongoing economic recession.

"It's not the time to be flamboyant" at work, she said.

In addition to tweed, 'skins' such as leather and suede were also red-hot.

Though leather apparel never goes out of style, Canaan said the fall styles were much more colorful, fun and detailed with fur trim.

"For (Saks), fur trim was really big," she said.

Trendsetting style

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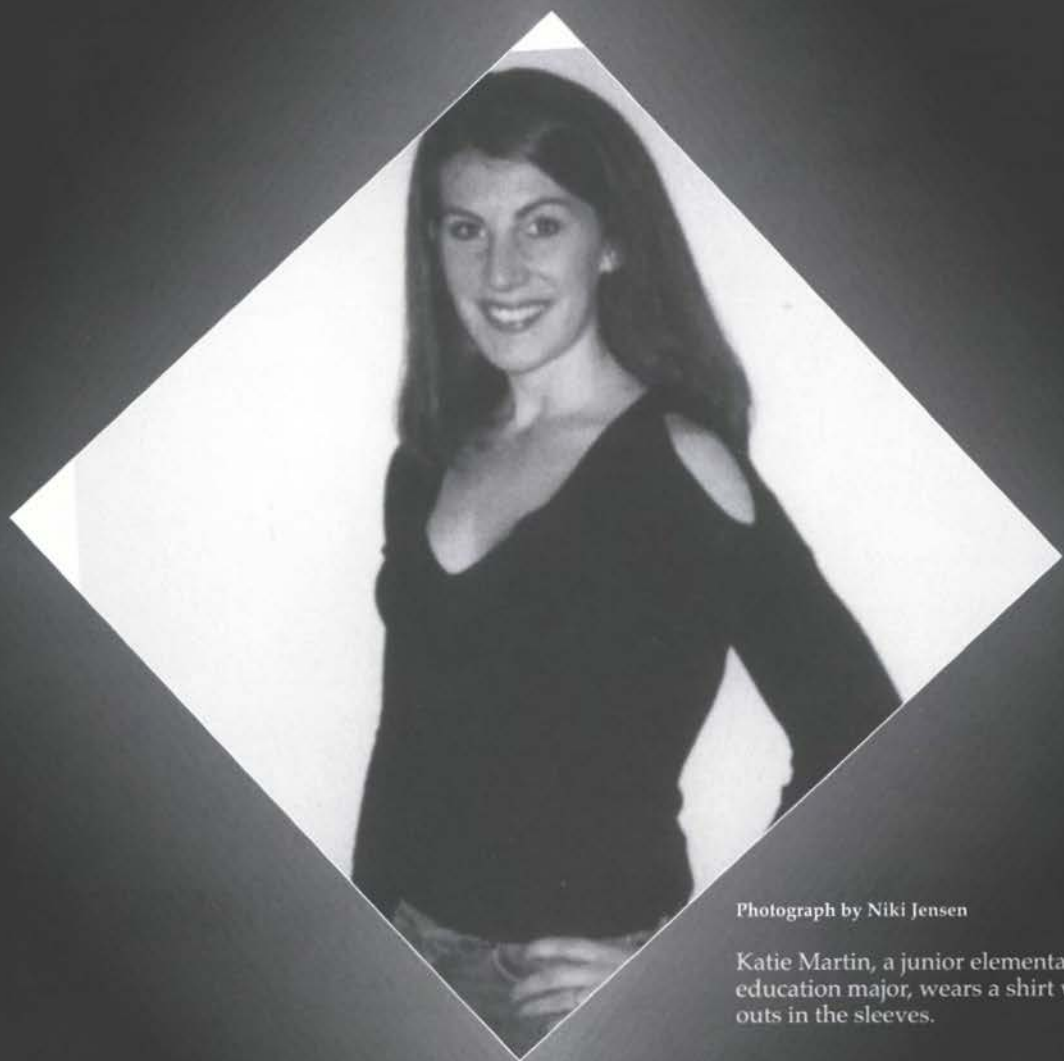
At right, Lindsey Balough, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, shows off her trendy, not to mention popular, monogrammed tank top.

Below, Laura Becker, a senior secondary education major, sports an initial shirt while deciding which funky skirt to wear.



10 More kickin' styles you can try

cordoroy pants
shift dresses
off-the-shoulder sweaters
plastic hoop earrings and bangles
plaid skirts
wrist cuffs and sweatbands
ethnic printed tops
pinstripes
ribbon trimming
purple hues



Photograph by Niki Jensen

Katie Martin, a junior elementary education major, wears a shirt with cut-outs in the sleeves.



Photographs by Brandy Headley

At left and above, some items of clothing that have maintained longevity in the fashion world include miniskirts and long boxers.

Trendsetting style



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Left, Laura Becker, senior family and consumer sciences major, sways her arms in delight as she shows off the latest t-shirt fashion, the initialed sleeveless shirt.

Why an internship will elevate your career

By Jessica Youngs
Warbler Staff Writer

During the summer of 2003, many Eastern students ventured away from campus to put their skills to use through summer internships.

National data shows about 75 percent of college students do internships, said Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services.

She said the portion of students that do not intern are putting themselves at a disadvantage.

"Students should do internships so that they have some practical experience to apply what they've learned in the classroom," said Kelly Runyan, WEIU's news director.

"I improved in every way, thanks to my internship," Chris Kee, a junior journalism major said.

Kee interned for Runyan last summer at WEIU.

Jen Tolemy said her skills, like Kee, improved during her internships at the Coles County Seat Attorney's Office.

Tolemy said her experience as a law clerk gave her a greater basic understanding of how the law works.

"You learn stuff in class, but through internships you actually get hands on experience," she said.

In addition to helping students hone their skills, internships give students vital networking options.

"Internships are the number one way employers recruit their new hires," Moore said. "And that's big!"

Sometimes students don't intern because they don't know where to start looking.

Moore said Eastern's Counseling Center has more than 800 internship sites listed online and still has 150 left to post.

The Web Site, www.eiu.erecruiting.com, lists

internship opportunities from large businesses such as State Farm and Catapillar.

Still, Moore said, most students find their internships on their own.

"I chose my internship because it promised 'hands-on' experience," Kee said.

He said in addition to the experience, his internship paid for housing and utilities along with \$50 per week. During Kee's three-month internship, he mostly did production work.

"I learned cameras, videography, audio board, directing, technical directing, floor director, video editing, writing, etcetera," he said.

Kee said his internship impressed him so much he decided to transfer from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, to Eastern in the fall of 2003.

"I was impressed with the facilities, people, technology and opportunities," he said.

Tolmey said choosing her internship was easy because it was the only one she was interested in. "I already had a little bit of background (on the office), and I wanted to work more on it," she said. Feedback from supervisors is one of the greatest ways students improve their skills during internships.

"(Runyon's) input was invaluable to me," Kee said. "She is a great teacher and very patient." Kee said his supervisors oversaw what the WEIU interns did, but not in an intrusive way.

"We learned by 'doing,' and if we made mistakes, we learned from them," he said.

Tolmey said her supervisors, on the other hand, did not give her much feedback.

During her two month internship, she mostly opened files, sat in on court procedures and filled paperwork, she said.



Photograph courtesy of Angela Harris

Above, the summer interns at Eastern's television station WEIU.

COPING IN ANOTHER WORLD

Eastern's international students

By April McLaren

Warbler Staff Writer

Different climate, different people, different cultures, different languages and different friends. For an international student, everything seems to be different, but only at first. It is only a matter of time before the differences wear off and it starts to feel like home.

Andre Couto, senior journalism and psychology major moved to the United States his freshman year of college from Campinas, Brazil to study at Butler University.

"My parents wanted me to come (to the US) because of education," he said.

Couto also played soccer and Butler recruited him for it.

After a year at Butler, the large tuition bill convinced Couto Eastern was the cheaper way to go.

Hopeton Dias, sophomore sociology and pre-law major, also moved to the US two years ago from Kingston, Jamaica to get his desired international education.

"It makes you more marketable," he said. "The education here is highly recognized around the world and it's more demanding."

On the trip to the US, Dias said he was feeling a mixture of emotions.

"It was a balance between uncertainty, hope and sadness," he said.

Despite the number of miles between an international student and their family, Couto and

Dias are able to talk to their families frequently.

Thanks to the Internet, Couto talks to his mom and his sister online in addition to a phone call about every two weeks.

Even though he talks to his family often, Couto says it can still be difficult at times.

"Sometimes you need family support, a place to go," he said. "Sometimes you are just stuck in the middle of nowhere."

On the other hand he enjoys the independence and the friends he has made.

Dias said he also gets to talk to his parents on the phone frequently but there can be tough times. He said he has the hardest time when the weather changes.

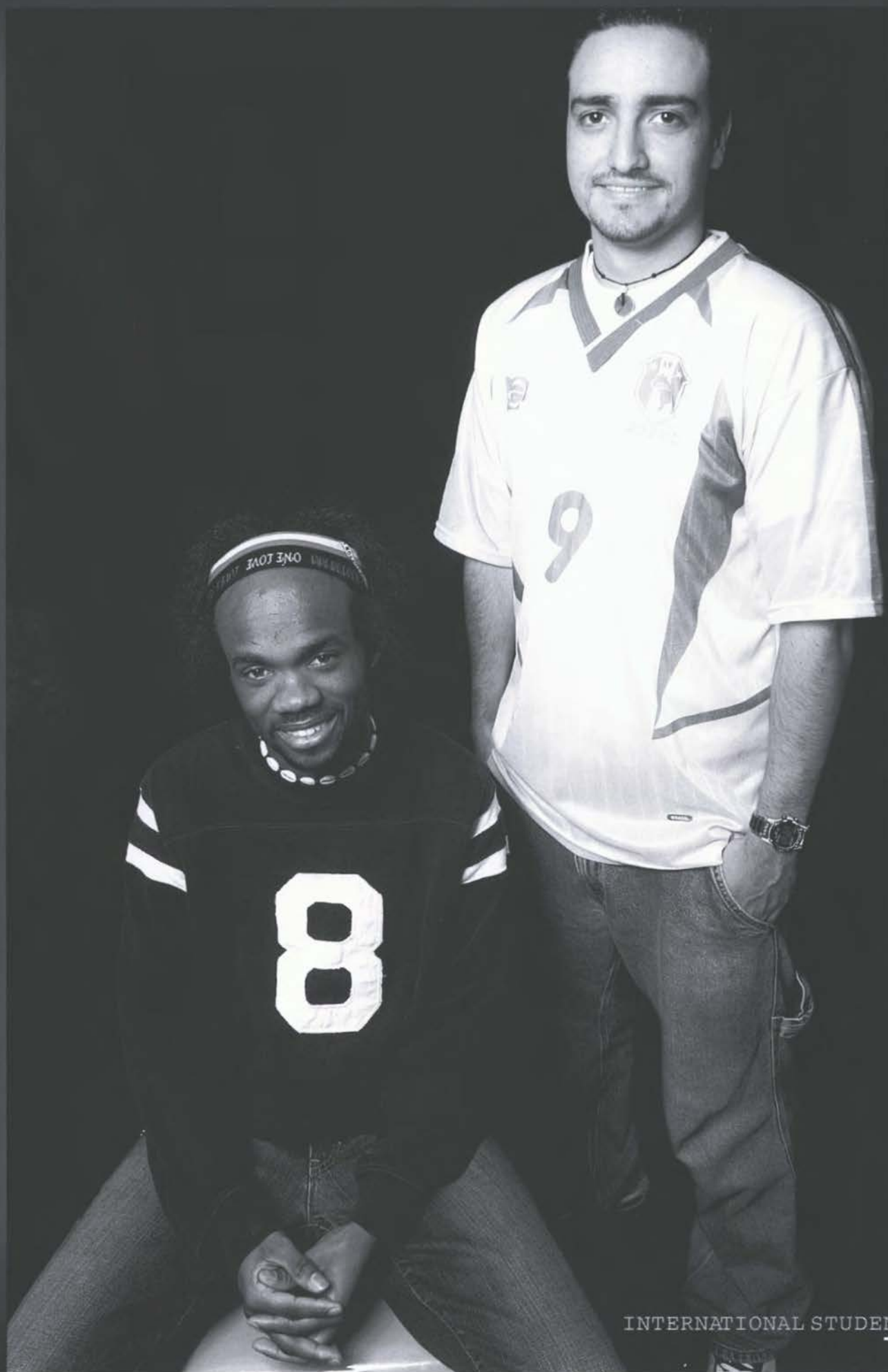
"When it's dark, when it rains and when it's cold, I'm afraid," he said. "Climate is a big deterrent to my efficiency and effectiveness in integrating."

On the other hand, he said the "beautiful" people here have taught him a lot and helped him overcome a lot of cultural issues.

Since Dias has been here he said he has learned number of things from Americans including the way they see emotions and affections as a weakness. "They understand strength as being tough and macho and being able to brush things off," he said. "I don't know how to do that." While Couto never imagined getting an education from the United States until he was 18, and he had to decide where to go to college, Dias always desired an American education. Both Couto and Dias plan to stay in the US for a few years after graduation to continue their education or get a job.

Photograph by
Stephen Haas

Hopeton Dias
(left) and
Andre Couto
have enjoyed
their
independence
thus far in the
states.



What it means to be ...



an ROTC cadet

By Natalie Matten
Warbler Staff Writer

Other than the few people I went to high school with, I didn't know anyone when I arrived here at Eastern. Joining something was a sure-fire way to meet people, in my perspective. I'm not the sorority type, I quit band in high school and I flat out didn't know what else was offered here that would appeal to me.

When I heard about the ROTC program at Eastern's freshman orientation, however, I decided it was something I wanted to look into.

During the first week of school in August 2003, I strutted into my first lab in my freshly pressed uniform. One of the requirements of the ROTC program is that we shine our boots that complement our uniform. Kiwi is the best form of polish, I was informed. Kiwi, the fruit? What, I thought in awe? During meals I would make my way to the fruit section to see if they had kiwi available so I could start shining my boots. It wasn't until later when asked what other people used that I discovered Kiwi was a shoe shine brand as well as a fruit. I'm glad I'm such a procrastinator or else I would

have had some nasty looking boots!

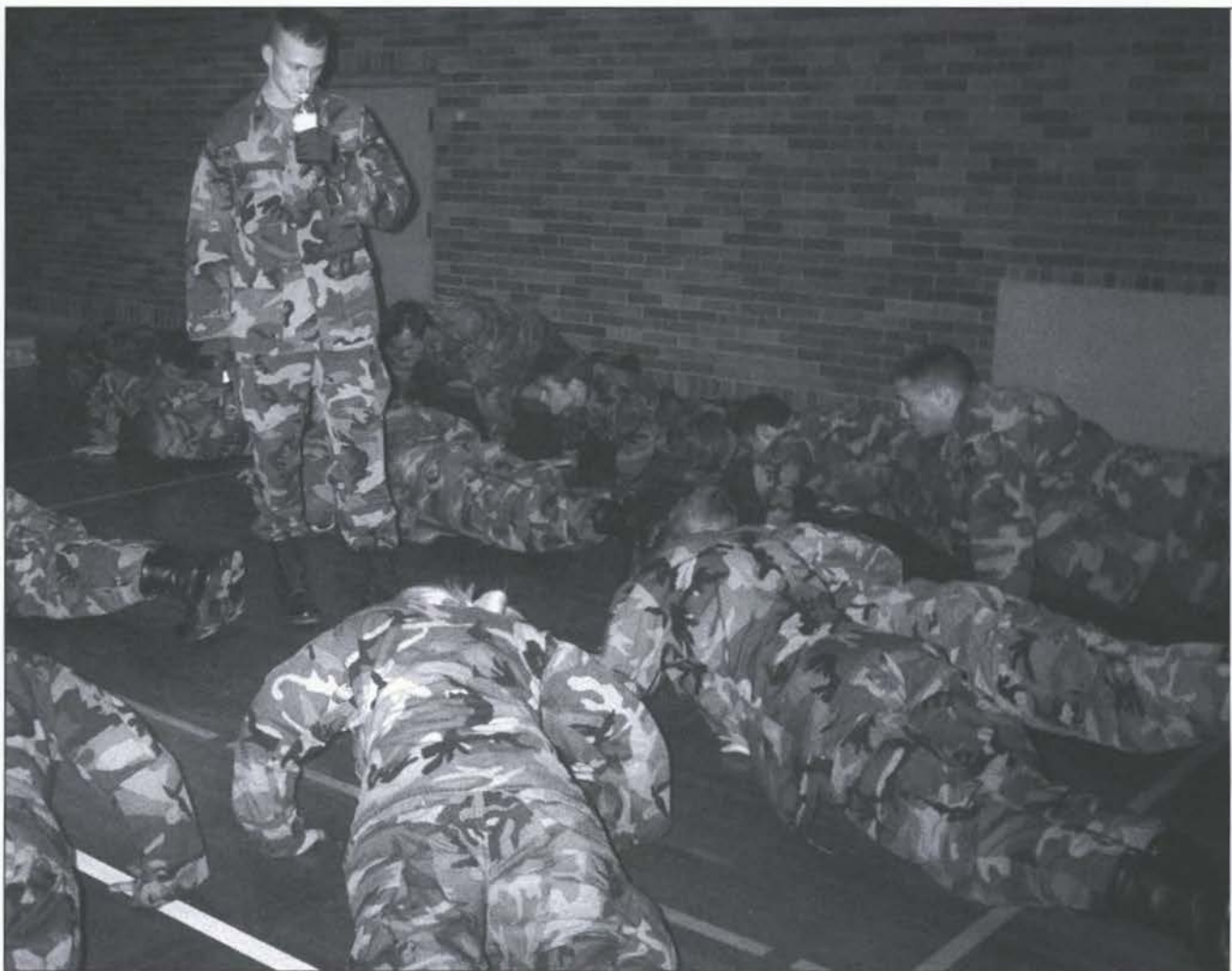
Being in the ROTC program has allowed me to do some things that most people aren't able to do on a regular basis. I've gone repelling down the side of Klehm Hall. I have also been able to ride in a Blackhawk helicopter numerous times. I got to shoot, take apart and reassemble an M-16 rifle. I have even gone to a physical development course at 6 a.m. twice a week. It's worth it though, since I otherwise would definitely not be in the shape I am in if I wasn't required to go.

ROTC opens a lot of doors for people. Even if someone wasn't interested in joining the Army, anyone can still take the class and learn how to become a leader.

My instinct when I joined the ROTC was to meet people. However, as a college sophomore, I have to make the decision on whether or not I'm going to contract my junior year.

After much debating and talking to recruiters, the ROTC cadre and my parents, I have decided contracting with the Army is something I am going to do.

If it wasn't for the program, I never would have considered the thought, and I'm glad it's around.



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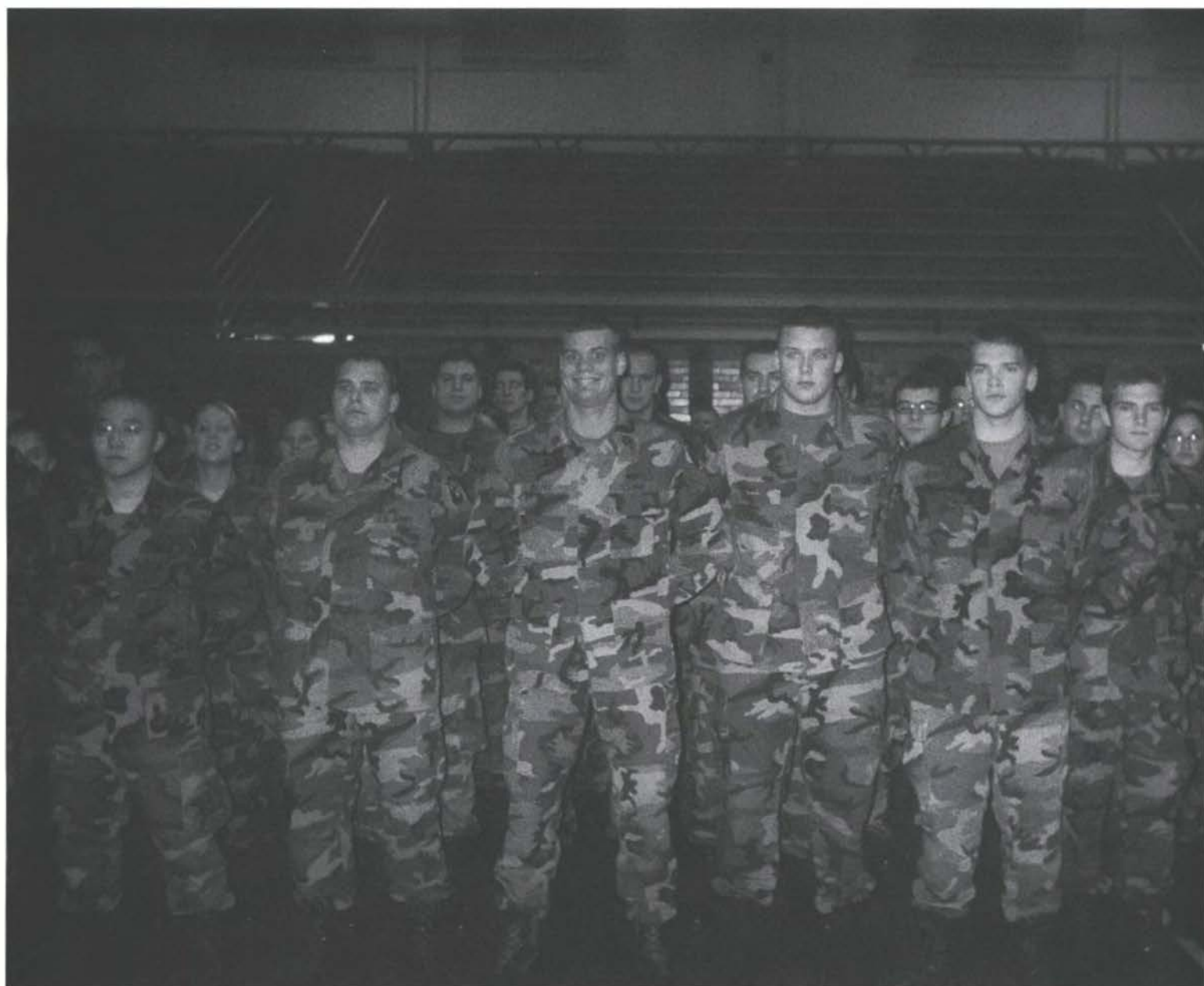
Above, This group of cadets drop and give Jason Ward 20 after a few mistakes that occurred during his training.

Left, Brenda Jost tries to keep her balance while placing a beam of wood on the next available box.

Below, Left, right, left, right...Brian Sbertoli uses his commanding voice to direct the four cadets around cones spaced throughout McAfee gymnasium.



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CADET



Staples of a cadet ...

DISCIPLINE

TEAMWORK

ENDURANCE

CAN YOU HANDLE IT?



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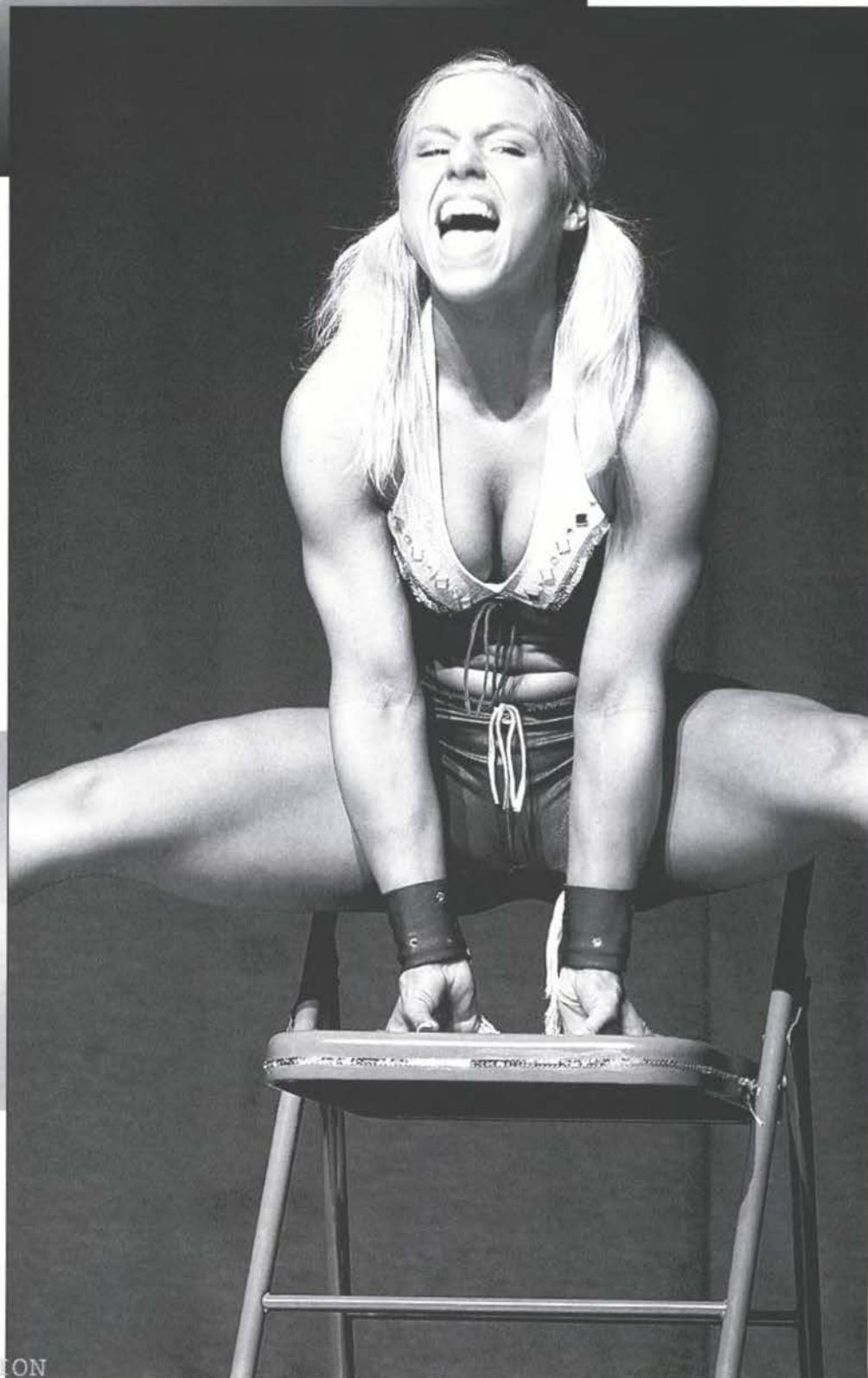
Left, A group of ROTC cadets stand at attention ready for their major's orders.

Above, from left, Steven Clark, Meghan Smith, John Baskerville, Brenda Jost and Ashely Coleman create a large pole out of beams of wood and rope in order to recover the bucket (not shown) ten feet away.

Mr. EIU, Ms. Fitness competition

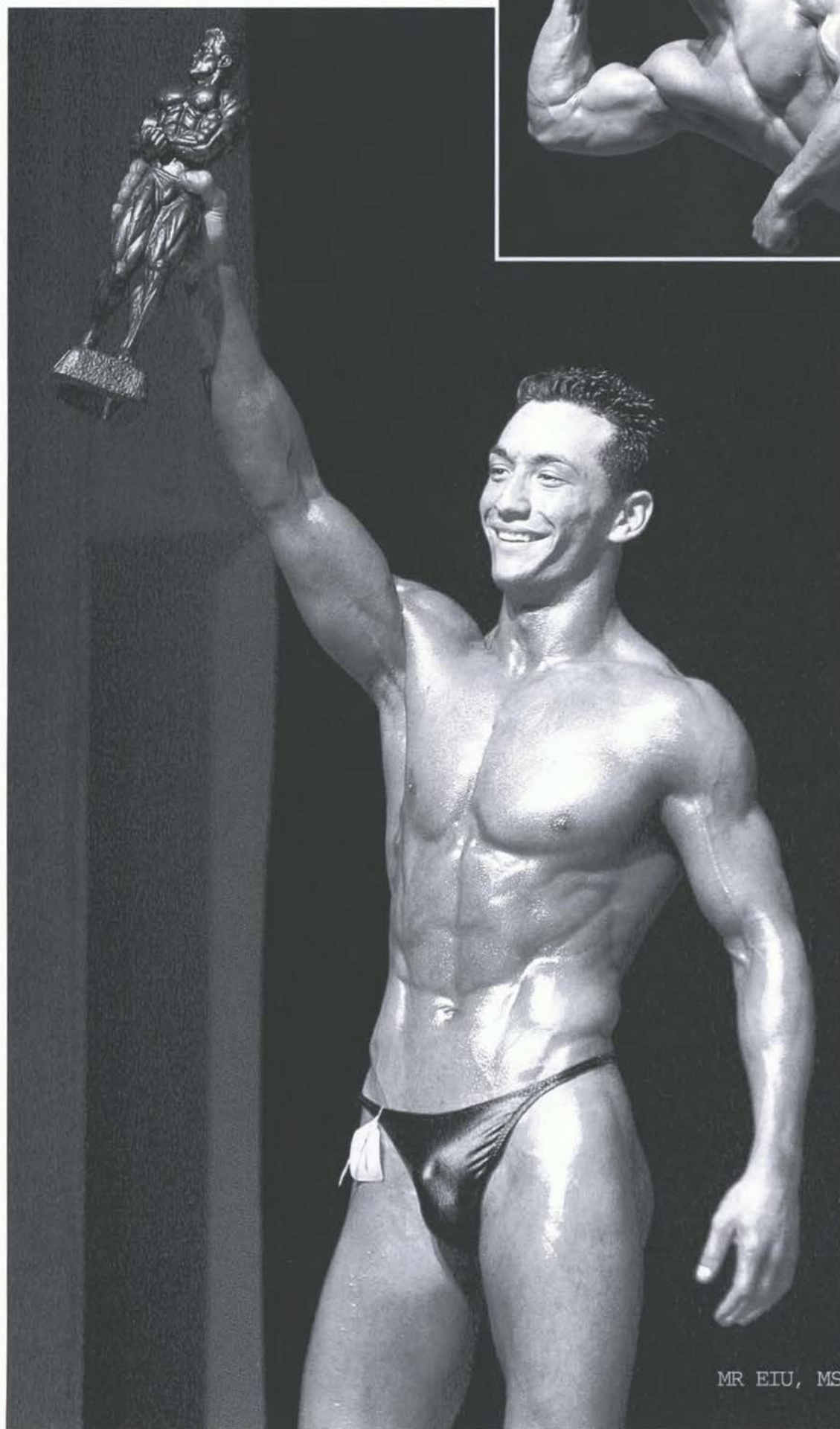
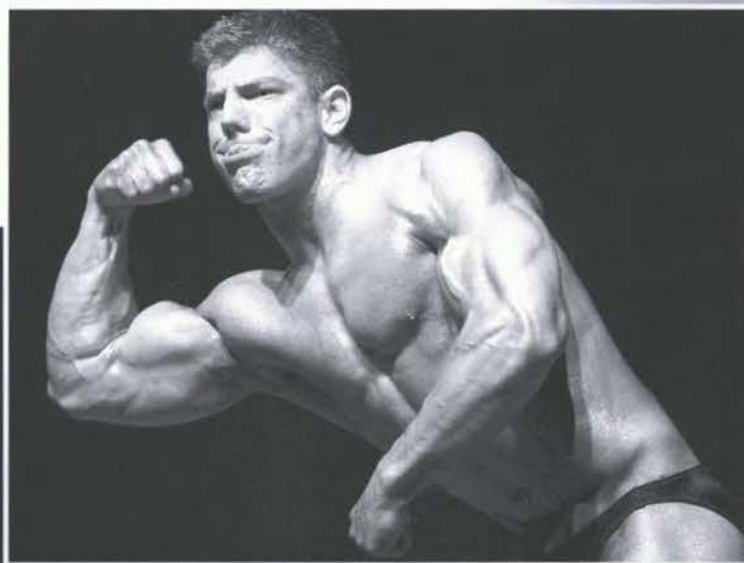
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Right, Katie Mast performs her fitness routine during the Ms. Fitness Competition February 21 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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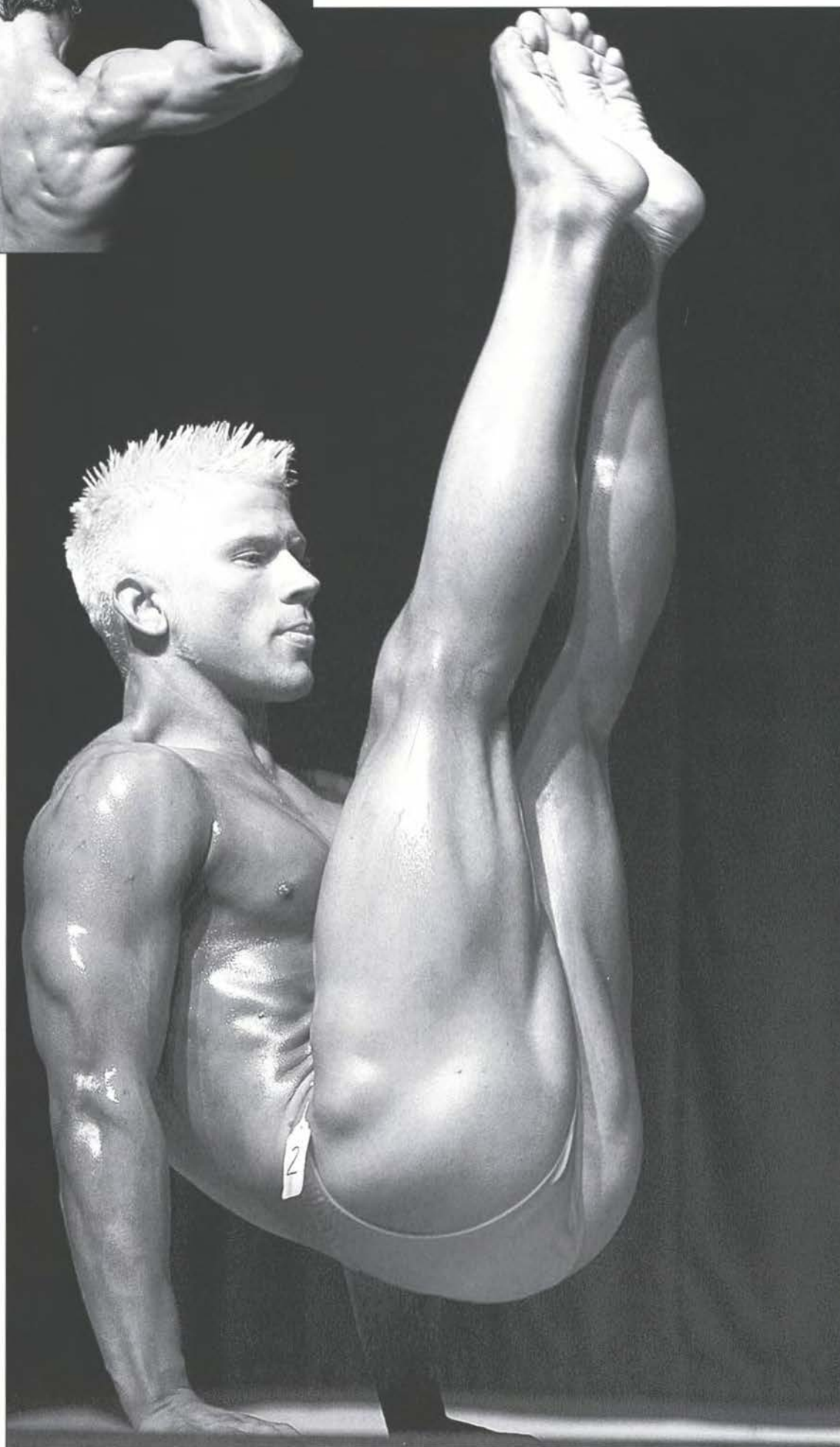
Below, Johnny Sadkauskas celebrates after winning the overall event of the Mr. EIU / Ms. Fitness competition. Sadkauskas also took first place in the Bantam weight class.

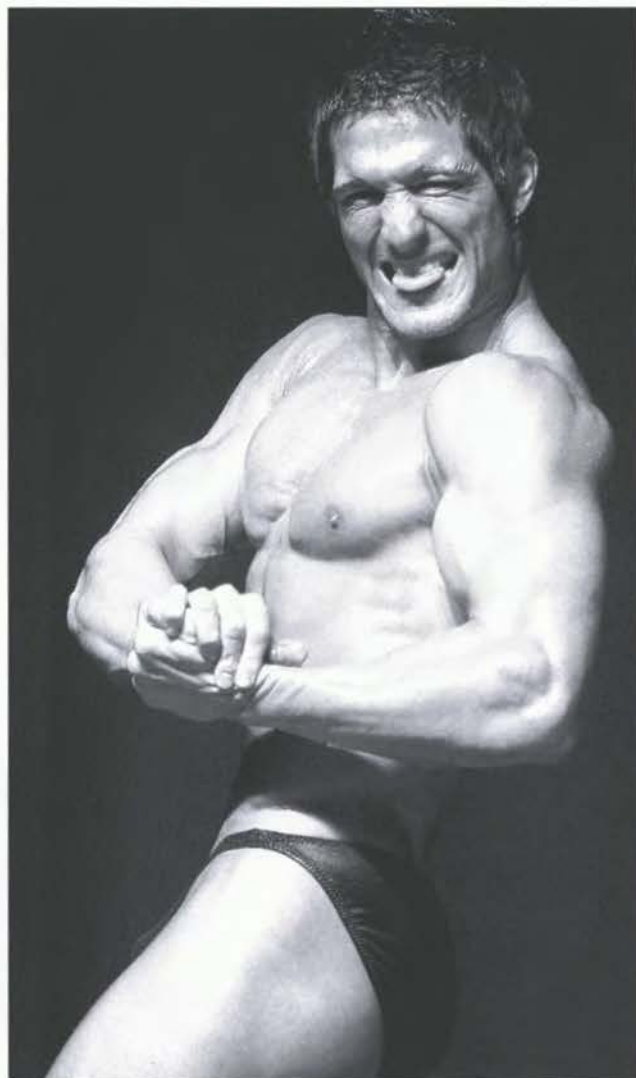
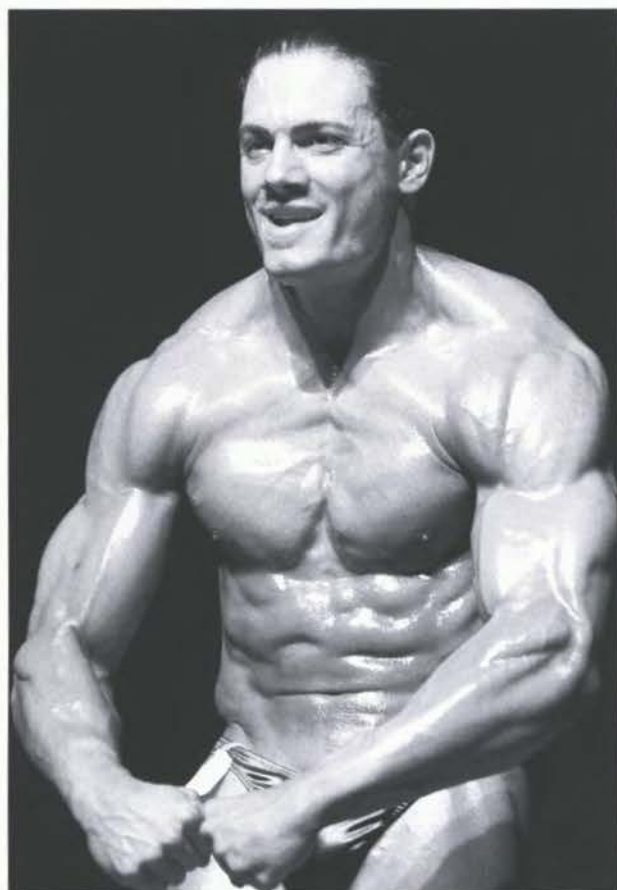




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Mr. Fitness contestants strut
their stuff at the annual Mr.
EIU/Ms. Fitness competition.





Board of Trustees program celebrates 30 years

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Board of Trustees

Bachelor Arts degree program timeline

1973: First students admitted into the program and 50 students graduated system wide

1979: Shirley Neal appointed as director for the BOG/BA degree program.

1982: BOG/BA degree program received the G. Theodore Mitau Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities

1986: BOG/BA degree program moved to School of Continuing Education

By Erin Fulkerson
Warbler Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees program offers adults, over the age of 24, the opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree. The curriculum requires a minimum of 120 semester hours with specific categories of requirement. Students may choose a minor.

While some students attend courses on Eastern's campus, others attend through distance learning via the internet or interactive television. Locations to attend class are also available in Champaign-Urbana, Danville, Decatur, Mattoon, Olney, Centralia, Effingham, and many other communities. The program is based on "needs and goals," according to Kaye Woodward, director of the BOT program. Woodward describes her role as "an advocate for the adult learner." She explained that most students in the program join to become promotable at work, to set an example for their children, or for self-satisfaction.

The statistical average for a BOT student is a female parent who works full-time, and is between ages 35 and 45, according to Woodward. Woodward said the average time to complete the program is 2.5 years. The original concept for the program came from Robert Pringle. Woodward honors his idea by ensuring that, "the staff is true to Pringle's vision."

Statistics offer information to assess the program's performance. A student has an average income increase of \$5,000 per year upon graduating, Woodward said. Woodward also stated the program has a 72 percent graduation rate, with 80 percent continuing to graduate school.

Aside from statistical data, students offered comments about the program. Dorene Sparks, a BOT student, considers the program, "the best kept secret in town." Sparks worked with a company for 12 years before they decided to close the office where she worked. After weighing the options for her career, Sparks decided to return to college.

Sparks appreciates the flexibility of the program because it gives her a chance to decide for herself, "what I want to be when I grow up." By enrolling in the BOT program, Sparks

expects to graduate in about a year to a year and a half. "I don't know that I could do it any other way," Sparks said.

Sparks, who is now an on-campus student at Eastern, said, "I've been embraced by the campus community, and I feel very fortunate."

Nicole McCurry, a BOT student, started with the program in 2002.

"It was time for me to finish what I started many years ago," she said.

Because the program requirements differ from a traditional program, the BOT has their own advisers. McCurry said her experience with her adviser has been "absolutely wonderful."

"I can call or email my advisor, Audrey Bachelder, at any time and I receive a very timely response every time," McCurry said.

Out of 1500 students currently in the program, only about 70 of those are on campus, Woodward said. Woodward said about 80 percent of advising is done over the phone or through email because of the distance. Many students participate from all around the United States, and some are even in other countries.

Audrey Bachelder, an adviser for the BOT program, claimed that it is rewarding to build relationships with the students she advises.

"Everyone in the office is the strongest advocate we have, we all genuinely care about our students," she said.

But Woodward said the program is not a good choice for everyone.

"We never want to be accused of recruiting students out of a major," Woodward said.

Woodward compared the degree to liberal arts or general studies degree.

"We're not a second-hand program or a backdoor to a degree," Woodward said. Woodward claimed that students must work just as hard to earn a BOT degree, as a traditional degree.

McCurry claimed that Internet courses were challenging and, "you have to be really disciplined," she said.

Woodward explains the needs of BOT students are different from a traditional student.

"We serve a different population," Woodward said.

1990: BOG/BA degree program received the Distinguished Program award from the Association for Continuing Higher Education

1991: Kaye Woodward appointed director of the BOG/BA degree program

1994: Robert Pringle, founder of the BOG/BA degree program passed away

1995: The Pringle family establishes the Robert Pringle Scholarship

1996: The name of the BOG/BA degree program at Eastern changed to the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree Program



Photographs courtesy of Kaye Woodward

Above, (left to right) in fall of 1989, William Hine, dean of Continuing Education; Nancy Froelich, a graduate of the program; Robert Pringle, vice chancellor of the Board of Governor's University System; Evelyn Kaufman, a graduate of the program; Shirley Neal, director of Board of Trustees program. Froelich and Kaufman were the only two women who were chairwomen of the Board of Governors Governing Board.

At right, in spring of 1998, Brenda Edgar (wife of former Governor Edgar) and Kaye Woodward, director of Board of Trustees program pose on Edgar's graduation day.



2000: Former Illinois First Lady Brenda Edgar (program graduate) establishes the Brenda Edgar Scholarship for women

2000: The Robert and Virginia Lynch Scholarship for Adults was established in honor of BOG graduate Mr. Robert Lynch

2004: BOT/BA degree program celebrates 3,373 graduates in its first 30 years

BOT timeline information courtesy of Kaye Woodward

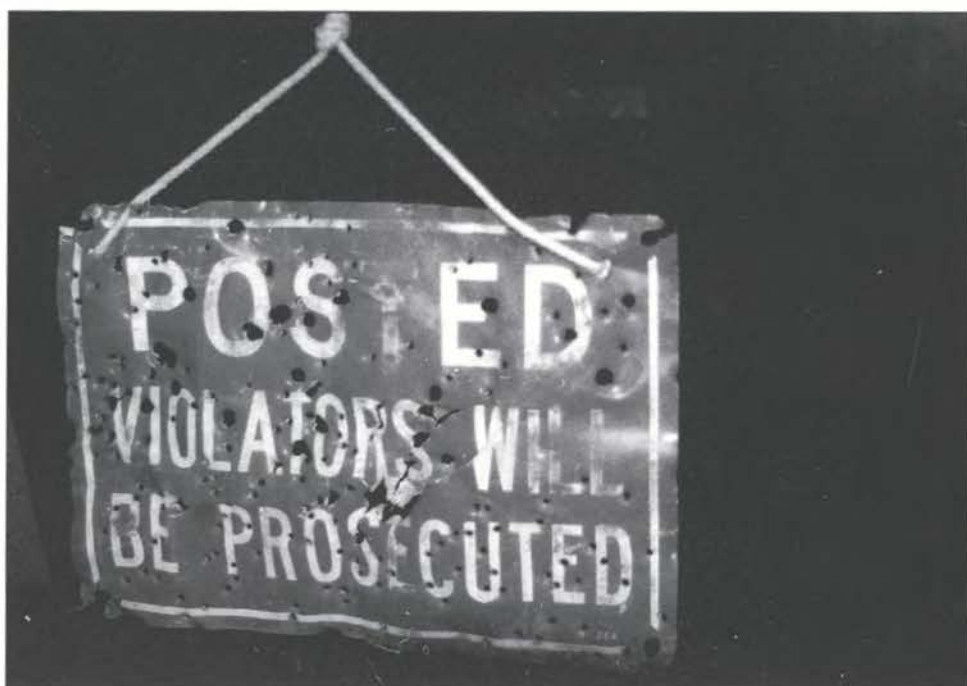
R H A Judges the

Hottest cribs on campus



Photographs by Taylor Dall

Students decorated their residence hall rooms in all sorts of crazy fashions for the first-ever dorm decorating contest organized by Eastern Residence Hall Association.





Sophomore Taylor Dall plastered his walls with posters to give his dorm room more than a conventional feel to it. He also made it flashier by using detail to make his room look larger.



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

How to forget yourself for a week

By April McLaren
Warbler staff writer

While some students take advantage of the week long break during the spring semester and party like never before, other students travel the country and make a difference on Alternative Spring Break.

Roy Lanham from the Newman Center directs the program and said Eastern students have done everything from working with children with AIDS, feeding the homeless, building and renovating homes and cleaning the environment since 1993.

"What the students gain from this week is amazing and life changing," he said.

Lanham described a trip to New York City as more than just feeding the homeless in soup kitchens.

"It's getting to know who they are and sharing your story," he said.

There is also a trip to Jacksonville, Fla. building homes.

It is "hands on, making a difference in people's lives,"

Lanham said. "You are building your own story."

Sophomore biology major, Marissa Jernegan, traveled to Mexico last year and worked on building houses and rooms for long term volunteers.

The community this group spent time with consisted of women and children who were learning the basic skills of life so they can someday live on their own without depending on a man.

Unfortunately, Jernegan became sick and did not participate in much of the "hard labor" the rest of the students did.

"I don't know what happened," she said. "I didn't drink the water."

Since Jernegan spent most of the trip sick, she spent her time in the sewing room with women learning how to sew.

During the day the children of the area were in class, but at night, during their free time, the students were able to spend time with the children. Jernegan said while she was in Mexico it made her realize exactly what she had back home.

"When you're there you are like, wow," she said. "I actually get to go home and they don't."

"It really makes you think," she said. "I was happy to come back to America."

This year Jernegan traveled to Atlanta to serve people

infected with AIDS.

Leanne Dalpiaz, junior elementary education major, has been to Big Oaks Girl Ranch in Springfield, Ala. the past two years to work with young girls who have been abused, abandoned or for some other reason do not reside with their families. Dalpiaz said the camp consists of

approximately seven to eight houses. Each house has a family that has taken in a young girl who currently does not live with their biological families.

"The homes are gorgeous," Dalpiaz said. Dalpiaz said during the day it was "not hard work at all" her and the rest of the students did for the families.

"I was surprised how much free time we had," she said.

Dalpiaz said they usually did yard work and sort a shed full of groceries for the families.

"At night we would go to the families' houses and they would cook dinner for us," Dalpiaz recalled. "And we would hang out with the girls. They were so sweet."

While Dalpiaz found out about Alternative Spring Break from attending the Newman Center for Sunday services, she said "it's not just for people who go to church."

Lanham described the program as one of the top five in the Midwest and the best in Illinois.

"I firmly believe we have the best Alternative Spring Break program in the state of Illinois," he said.

"With our size, our scale, our price and what we do."

He said the success of the program is because of the quality of Eastern students.

"Out of my 18 years being here, I'm impressed with the quality of students coming to the doors of EIU," he said. "And so are these people they touch."

"It speaks well of the university," he added.

While some college students are willing to spend hundreds of dollars on spring break vacations, Lanham described this program to be affordable for anyone.

He said there has been a lot of subsidizing to make it affordable. All of the locations within the country are the same price, \$130, while the trip to Mexico is \$250. The price includes airfare and housing.

"We want to make it affordable for students to go do community service," he said.





Photographs courtesy of Roy Lanham and the Newman Catholiic Center

Each year the Newman Catholic Centers provides the opportunity to voluntarily assist in often times destitute communities throughout the United States and Mexico. Above and below, students work on building projects at site Glenmary Farms. At right, a student prepares hot dogs for the hungry at Project Openhand in Atlanta, GA. Opposite page, students assisted in painting projects at site Project Catholic Worker in New York City during break— March 14-21, 2004. This site was new to Newman's plethora of Alternative Spring Break sites.



Eastern retains ranking as a top tier college in Midwest



Photograph by Colin McAuliffe

Emilee Graves, senior graphic design major works on her final project for her 4911 animation class, Monday afternoon in Art Park West. The graphic design lab was supposed to get new computers next year but will not due to funding.

By Jennifer Chiariello
Warbler Campus Editor

Eastern retained its spot in the top tier of U.S. News & World Report's top public universities in the Midwest for the third consecutive year.

Rankings released Sept. 1, 2003, in the magazine's annual guide to "Americas Best Colleges" shows Eastern once again ranks 31st among 143 public and private Midwestern/regional institutions. Eastern is also the only public university in Illinois listed in the first, or top, tier of four in the "Best Universities — Master's (Regional/Midwest)" ranking category.

This category represents those universities that offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs, but few, if any, doctoral programs.

Of the 143 Midwestern master's universities, only 38 were placed in the top tier, and only seven of those 38 are public, vs. private, institutions.

Rankings are based on schools' academic reputations, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources, and alumni giving.

Eastern's greatest strengths in addition to its academic reputation include its average graduation rate of 66 percent, a freshman-to-sophomore retention rate of 81 percent and a percentage of full-time faculty (96 percent).

President Lou Hencken said the rank is a great accomplishment of the university.

"I think what this shows is something most people believe on campus ... It's a great tribute to the quality of Eastern, which is typified by the hard work and dedication of the faculty, staff and students of the university," Hencken said.

Dale Wolf, director of admissions, said he was not surprised by Eastern's rank.

"I am more pleased than surprised," Wolf said. "The thing is getting there in the first place, and we are there, so we are going to do everything to stay there."

"Obviously, I was very pleased," said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs. "I also will admit to being 'pleasantly surprised.' I say this because the financial stress on public higher education, both in Illinois and nationally, raised a concern that we might not have been viewed as favorably as in the past."

Hencken said the U.S. News ranking put a lot of faith into this publication and its

rankings by an outside group.

"It puts an emphasis on what other universities think of you," Hencken said. Hencken, Lord and Wolf each participated in the ranking process for other schools. Lord said U.S. News considers a variety of factors such as financial information, qualifications of faculty and peer perceptions.

"Among the elements that U.S. News views favorably -- things like smaller class sizes and healthy expenditure per credit hour -- are those things most difficult to accomplish in challenging times," Lord said. "That we appear to have handled the challenges reasonably well thus far undoubtedly helped us retain our favorable ranking."

Lord said the rank will help to promote Eastern.

"Prospective students use many resources to gather information during their college selection process. Certainly, proprietary rating services like U.S. News are among those referenced.

"A continued strong ranking serves as one strong signal to prospective students and their parents of the quality of our institution. Such perceptions stimulate additional interest in Eastern."



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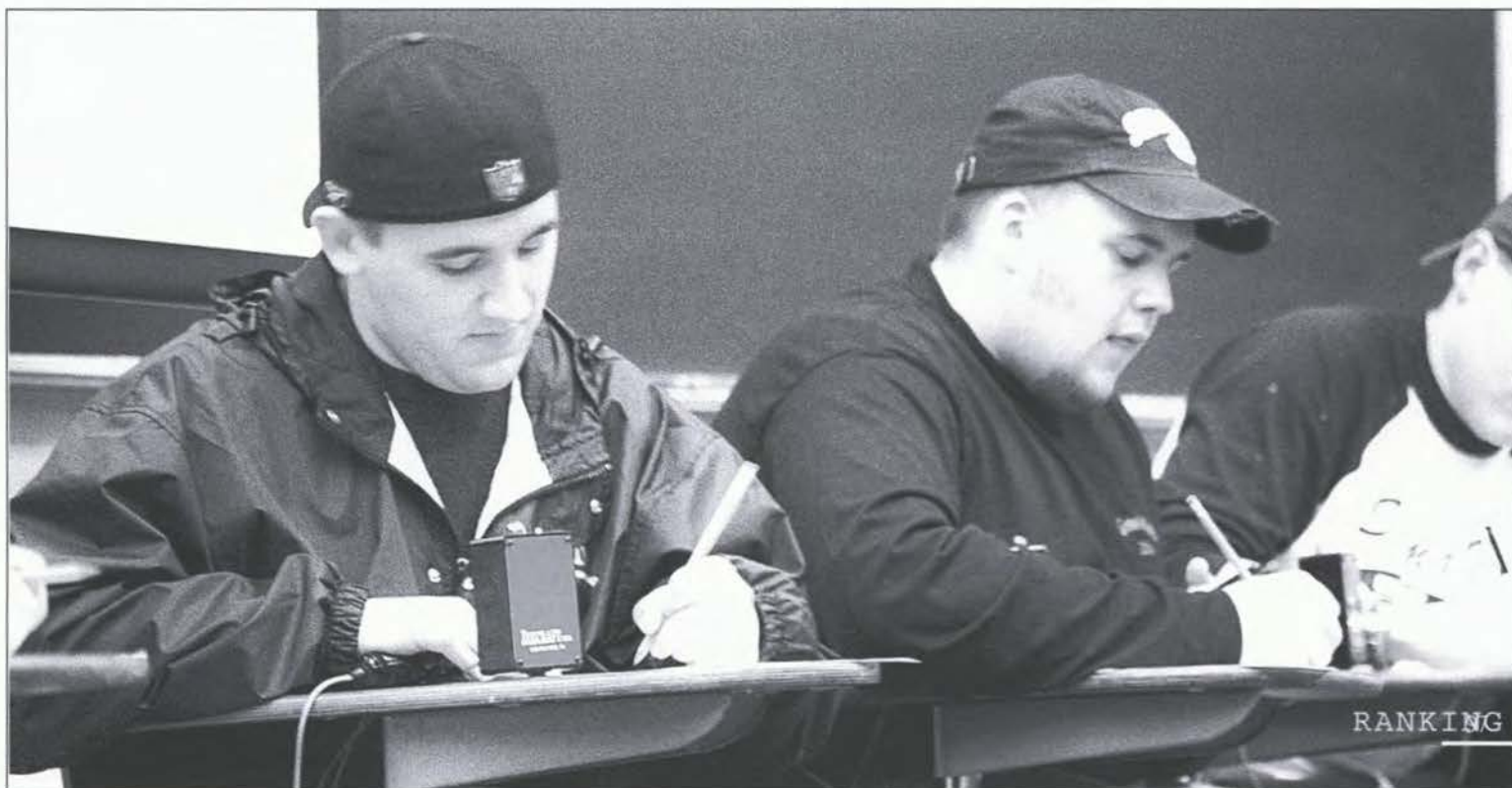
Above, workers chip away at the Tarble Arts renovation.

Left, a student worker organizes recycling bins.



Photograph By Colin McAuliffe

Below, Members of the Sigma Nu fraternity collegiate bowl team Nick Rakitan, a junior English major, and James "Jimbo" Mihalovich, a sophomore physical education major, answer questions in the Coleman Auditorium. Sigma Nu defeated Sigma Chi fraternity.



Jamaica, Cancun some spring break hotspots!

By Jessica Youngs
Warbler Staff Writer

It has long been assumed that destinations like Jamaica, Cancun and Panama City are where college students go to take a break from the stress of school over spring break.

But is this really true or just a reality for the students who "party-hearty" the hardest?

The majority of Eastern students spent "Spring Break 2004" doing much more mundane tasks than lying on white sand beaches drinking Pina Coladas for a week.

Corona Lawrence, a senior foreign languages major, who is originally from the hot spring break spot Jamaica, decided to spend her last spring break to go job hunting in Chicago.

"I (was) looking for anything where I can utilize my Spanish skills," she said.

Instead of returning to campus the following Monday with a hangover and sunburn, Lawrence returned with a job as an admissions adviser for Arizona University, an online college, and will be starting her new job as soon as school lets out in May.

Another student, Allison West, a junior political science major, also took the break as a weeklong opportunity to further her career.

Although last year West went to Coco Beach, Fl., this break she returned home to Peoria where she interned with Congressman Ray Lennon, answering phones and doing "office-type work," she said.

For other students, this year's spring break was a time to relax at home and get caught up on their schoolwork.

"I'm going home. It's nice to have a break and relax," said Guy Gris, a freshman (()) major whose

previous spring breaks have included family trips to Mexico and Brazil.

Jessica Lu, a freshman speech communication major, said she is going home to Schaumburg and eating at Clipotle in addition to writing three research papers.

Although many Eastern students did not do tons of partying over break, the spring break reputation has to come from somewhere.

In a March 26, 2004, survey, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that 41 percent of teenagers surveyed said they plan to drink alcohol and use drugs more during spring break. Compared to the number who said they would be toting to the beach condoms, alcohol, fake ID, cigarettes and marijuana it is evident that for some students spring break proves to be a nonstop party.

Spring Break Party Cruise managed to attract 19 Eastern students, most of them members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The 7.5 hour cruise to the Bahamas and back was "unbelievably ridiculous," said Kyle Donash a senior finance and marketing major who joined his Sig Ep brothers on the trip.

"It was a totally different atmosphere than other breaks," he said comparing the week to Mardi Gras in St. Louis.

With companies that sell spring break trips that appeal to college students promising "50 hours of free drinking" and a drinking age of 18, more than 100 Eastern students chose to participate in alternative spring break where they built houses and our helped AIDS victims.

Whatever students chose to do, from putting subwoofers in their car to cleaning out a outhouse to getting drunk on a beach, spring break proved to be an escape from the university, if only for a week.



Photographs courtesy of Kristy Sulich

At left, front row, Eastern students Jenny Graves and Kristy Sulich.

Back row, Amanda Bastert, Jill Callaghan, Sara LeMay, Kelly Collins at Disco Beach in Acapulco, Mexico during spring break.

Below, front row, Jenny Graves and Jill Callaghan.

Back row, Genivive Cyrs, Kristy Sulich, Kristin Berdis, Sara LeMay



At left, the gaggle of Eastern women head out to the ocean in Acapulco on a Banana Boat ride. Yee-ha!

GREEK WEEK

2004



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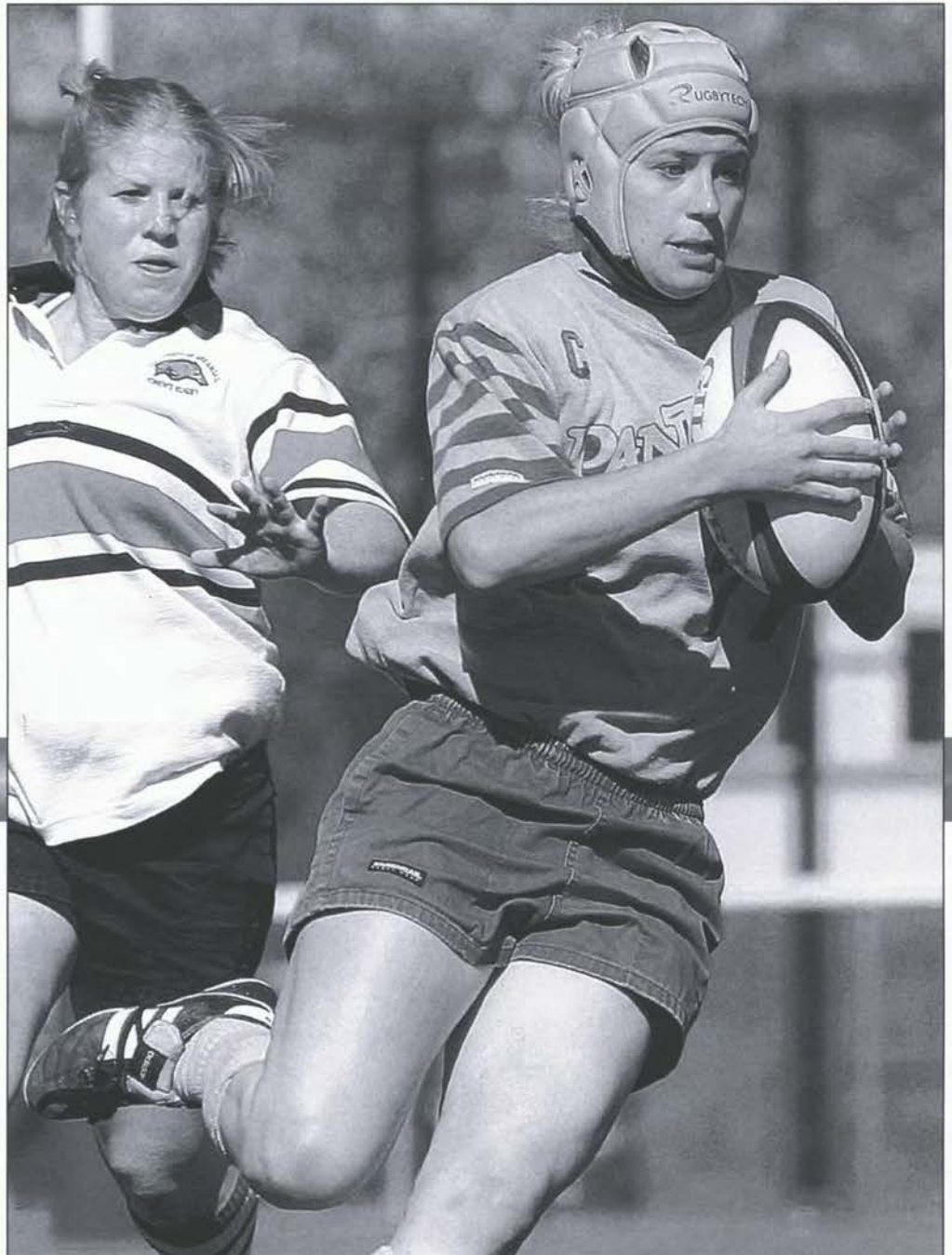
Above, Amber Reed, Alpha Gamma Delta member and senior finance and marketing major, and Dean Lugge, Sigma Epsilon member and senior accounting major, smile March 27 after being named Greek Queen and King during coronation in Lantz Arena.

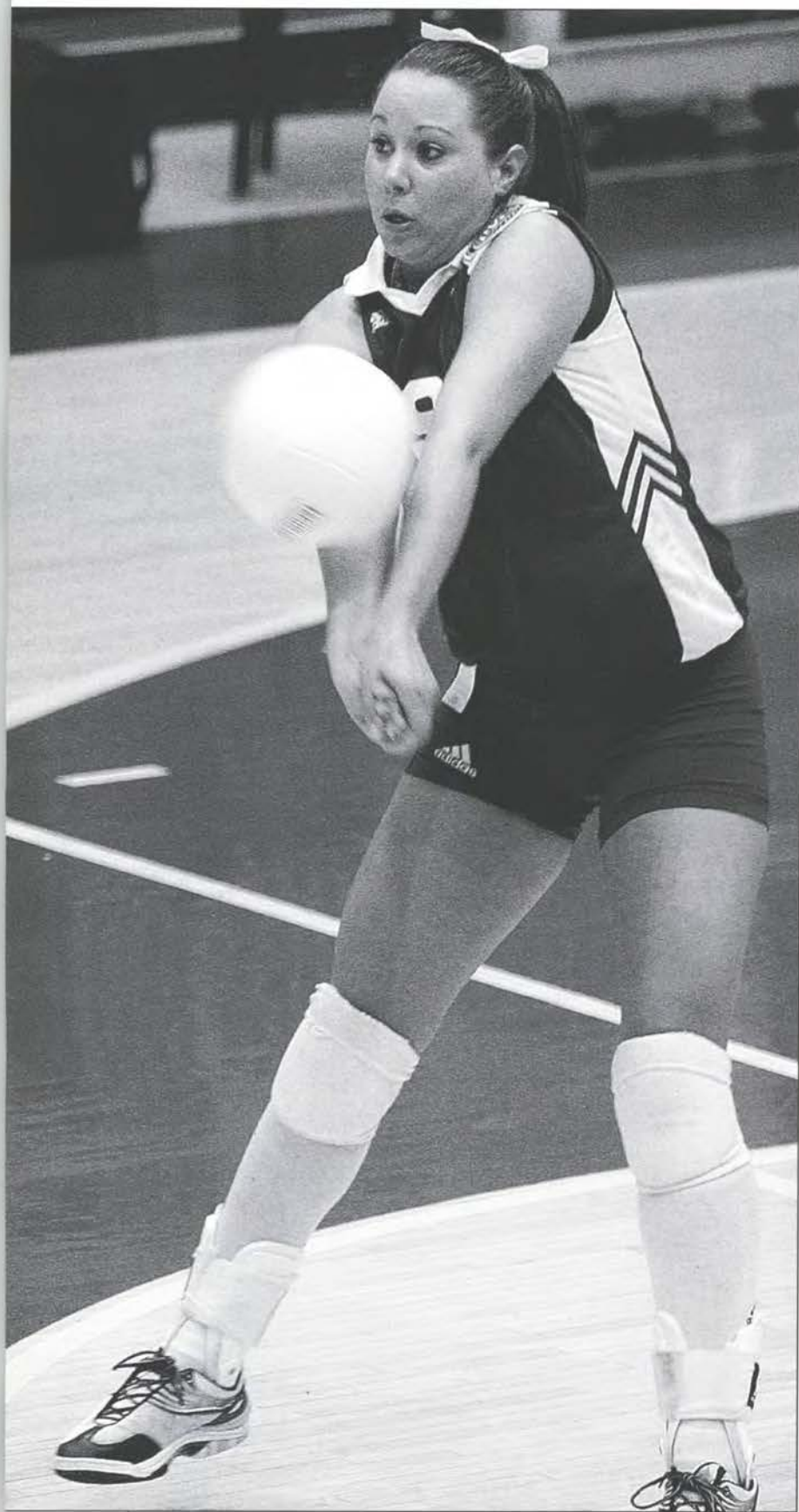
Women's rugby



The women of the Rugby team finished their 2003 season with a nearly spotless record. The team, which is the only NCAA Division I program in the nation, had a record of 8-1. The Panthers' only loss came at the hands of Penn State, who snapped Eastern's 15-game winning streak dating back to the beginning of the 2002 season. They outscored their opponents 405-91. The season is in keeping with the team's recent history of success. Eastern has won 19 of its last 20 games. The Panthers averaged 45 points per game and won their eight games by an average margin of 43 points.

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Photographs by Stephen Haas

Left, Junior outside hitter Erica Gerth sends the ball over the net in Lantz Arena during a game against Murray State University.

Above, Sophomore libero Heather Redenbo bumps the ball during a match in Lantz Arena.

The Eastern Volleyball team finished 9-23 overall in the 2003 season and finished 6-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference, tying for seventh place. Eastern recorded two more conference wins than last year.

A highlight for the team was junior outside hitter who was named First Team All-OVC, the third Panther to receive the honor during her junior year and sixth overall chosen to the OVC's top team.

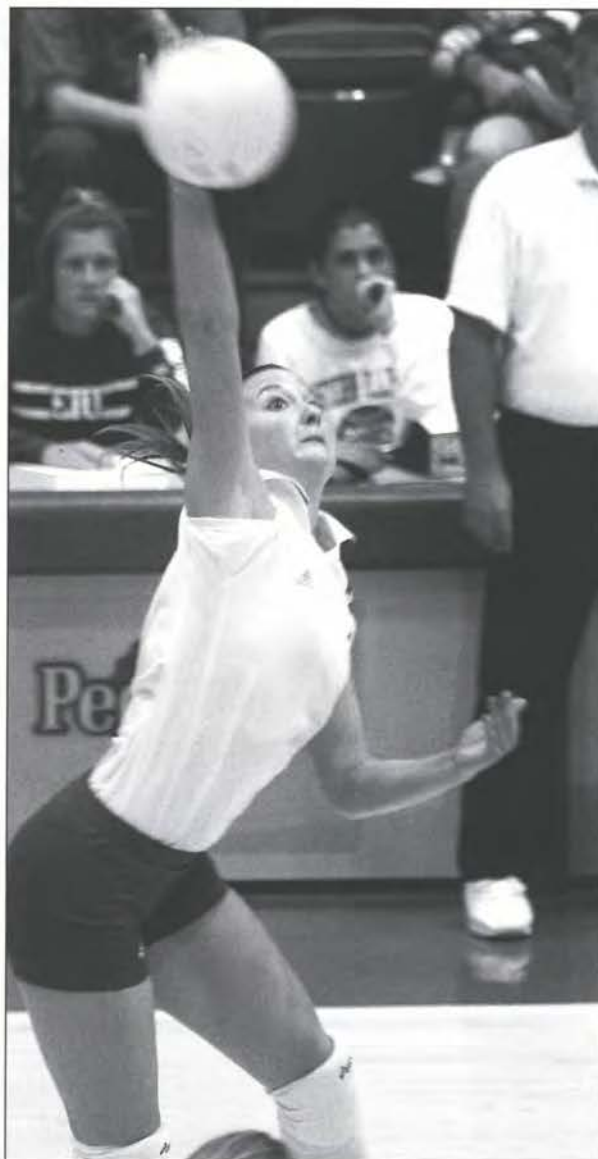
Six starters and 13-of-14 players will return to the team next year.

However, the crowning glory for the volleyball team was their successful efforts on their Points for Prevention campaign.

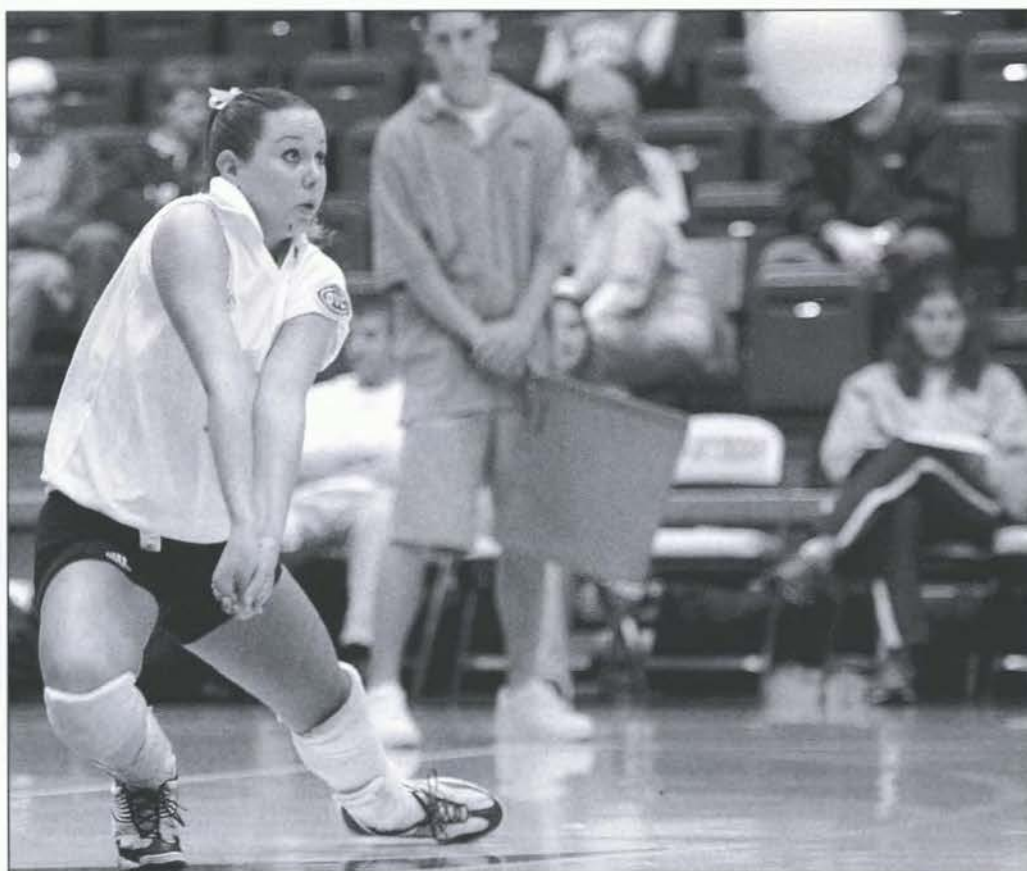
They raised \$5,599 for breast cancer research and prevention. The check was presented to Sarah Bush Lincoln Medical Center.

The money goes toward a Mobile Mammography Unit.

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Women's volleyball



Competing for a cause

Photographs by Stephen Haas

Above right, Sophomore libero Heather Redenbo watches the ball Saturday night during a match against Tennessee-Martin in Lantz Arena.

Above left, Sophomore outside hitter Laura Schuette serves the ball during home game in Lantz Arena.

Right, The team celebrates after scoring a point during a home game Nov. 8 at Lantz Arena.



Tailgating



Fun – the essence of ...



Photograph by Colin McAuliffe

Above, Friend, the pet of Bridget Schade, a graduate student in dietetics, licks Coors Light out of a cup during tailgating.

Photograph by Stephen Haas

Opposite page, Eastern students enjoy tailgating outside O'Brien Stadium before the Homecoming game against Tennessee-Martin.

One wild Panther past time

By April McLaren
Warbler Staff Writer

Sizzling hamburgers, roasting hot dogs and the cracking open of beer cans all occur before noon on mornings of a home EIU football games. No other time does it seem appropriate to wake up early on a Saturday morning except for tailgating.

Tailgating started in 1985 and has been a success ever since.

"I think tailgating has grown in popularity," said Shirley Stewart, vice president of Student Affairs.

Jon Newbury, junior clinical laboratory science major, has been attending for the past two years and believes it is something he'll always remember.

"It is a part of the college experience," he said.

Stewart mentioned there have been a few incidents in the past where students have gotten carried away with the pre-game partying, but they have cooperated for the most part.

The biggest issue has been underage drinking. Stewart said underage students are allowed in the tailgate area but are not allowed to drink.

"If our University Police Department officers ask to see identification, underage drinkers can

be ticketed," she said.

Most of the preparation takes place in the beginning of the year before the season starts by putting up the orange fences by the grounds crew. Last minute details take place on game day, such as ROTC students standing at the gates and handing out rules.

A popular attraction to tailgating has been the beer tent sponsored by Gateway Liquors. Students have to prove they are 21 upon entering the tent and are given three tickets for free drinks.

A new addition to the event has been live entertainment.

There have been bands in the past, but "this has been the first year there has been a band at every home game," said Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director.

With fun events like tailgating, there are going to be

rules, such as no underage drinking. Another rule that has always been in effect but not

highly enforced until this year is leaving the area 15 minutes prior to the game.

"I wish we could stay during the game," said Sean Cusack, a senior finance major.

On the other hand, Cusack likes to "socialize, let loose and listen to the band" before the game.

According to Kidwell, events like Family Weekend and Homecoming draw in the biggest crowds for tailgating.

Even though tailgating and those events draw more people to the pre-game party, Stewart believes it does not attract more people to the game.

"I have personally observed a majority of the people leaving the area and not going into the game," she said.

Even though people leave before the game, Stewart says they are still living up to the purpose of tailgating, which is spending a couple hours before the game cooking, eating or having a few drinks with friends before the game.



TAILGATING:

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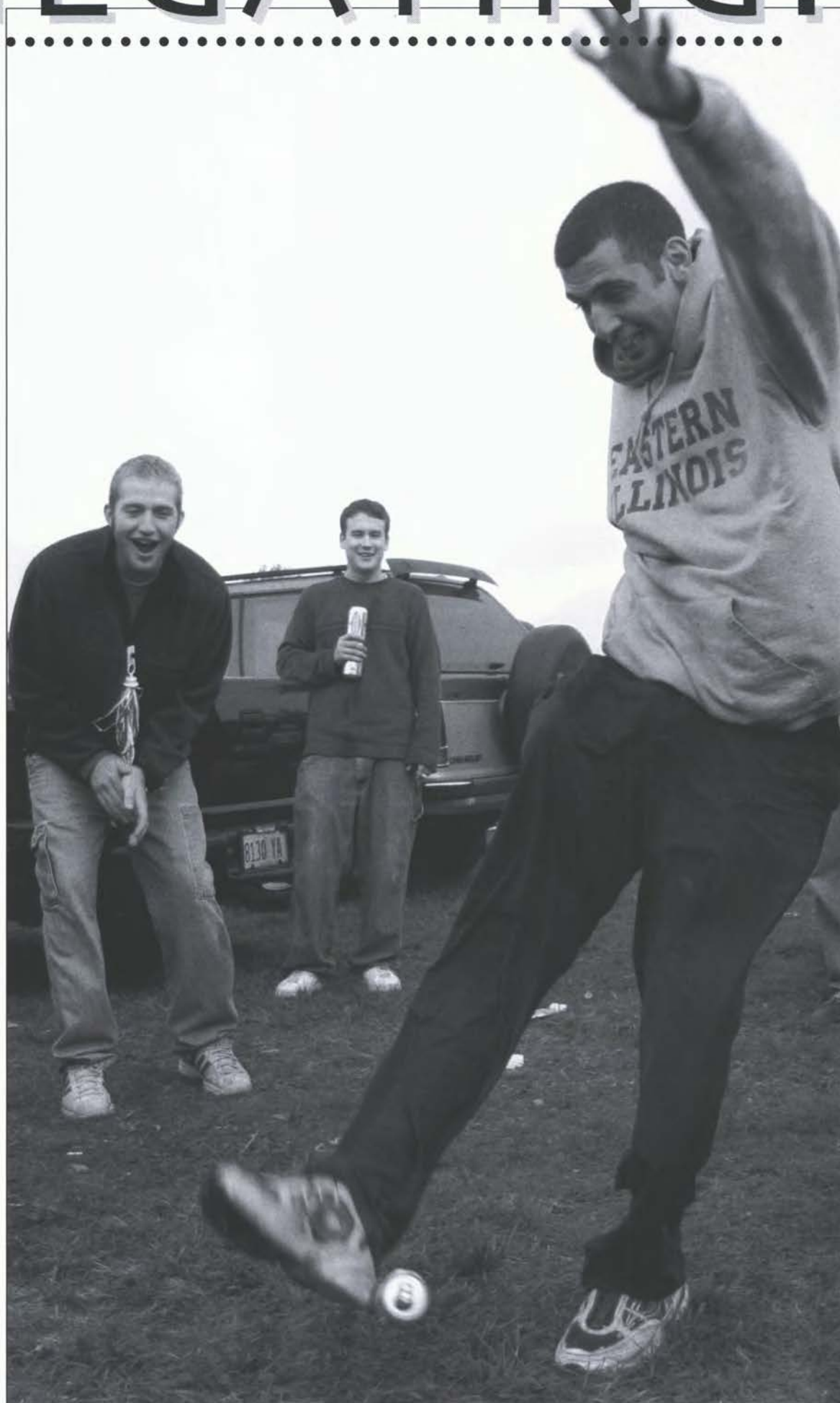
Left, Aiman Saleh, junior computer science major, attempts a beer-can field goal while tailgating outside of O'Brien Stadium. The can bounced off the photographer, and was no good.

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Upper right, Tailgaters wait in lines for the restroom outside of O'Brien Stadium.

Photograph by Colin McAuliffe

At lower right, Switch performs at tailgating outside of O'Brien Field.

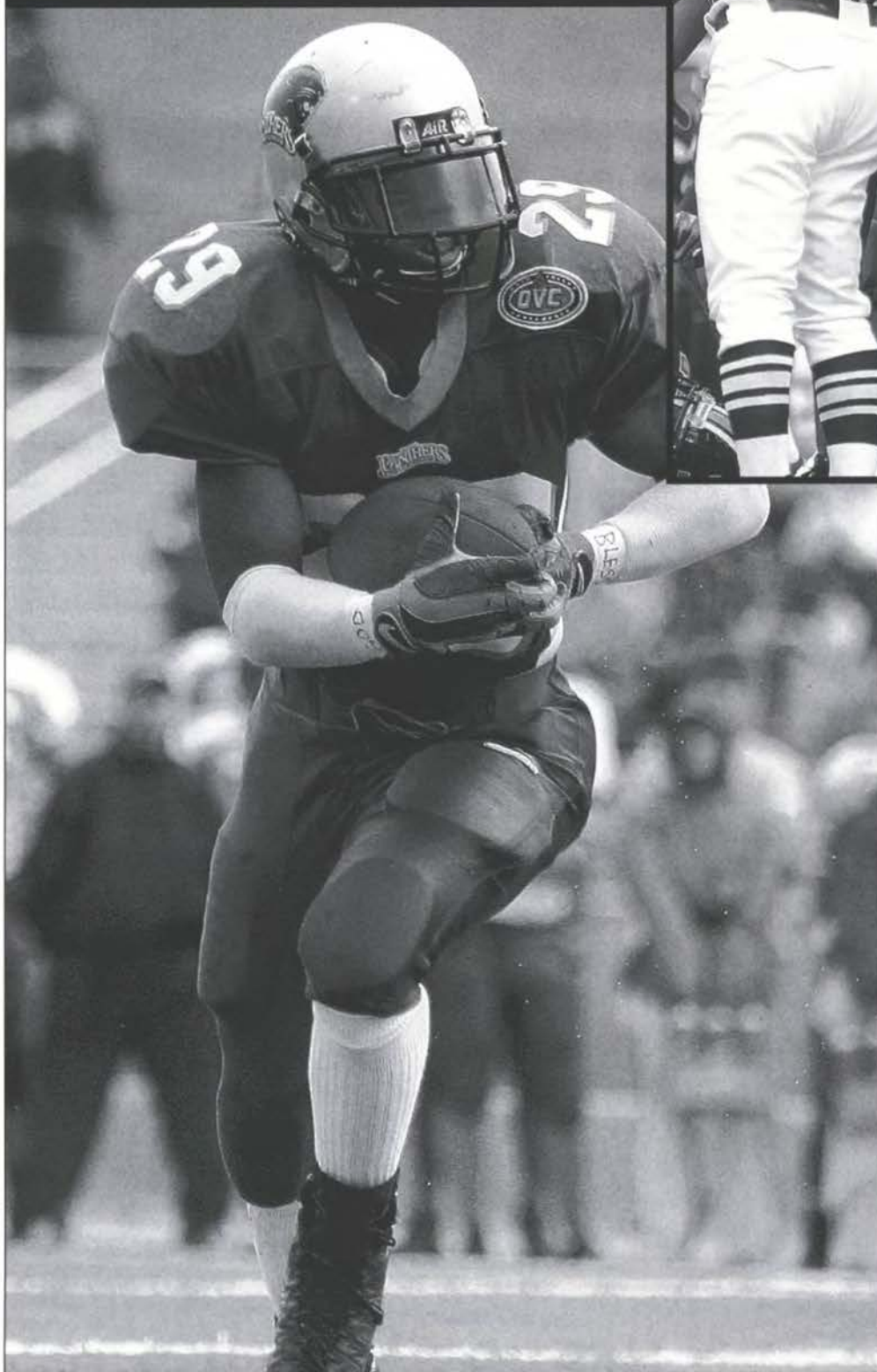


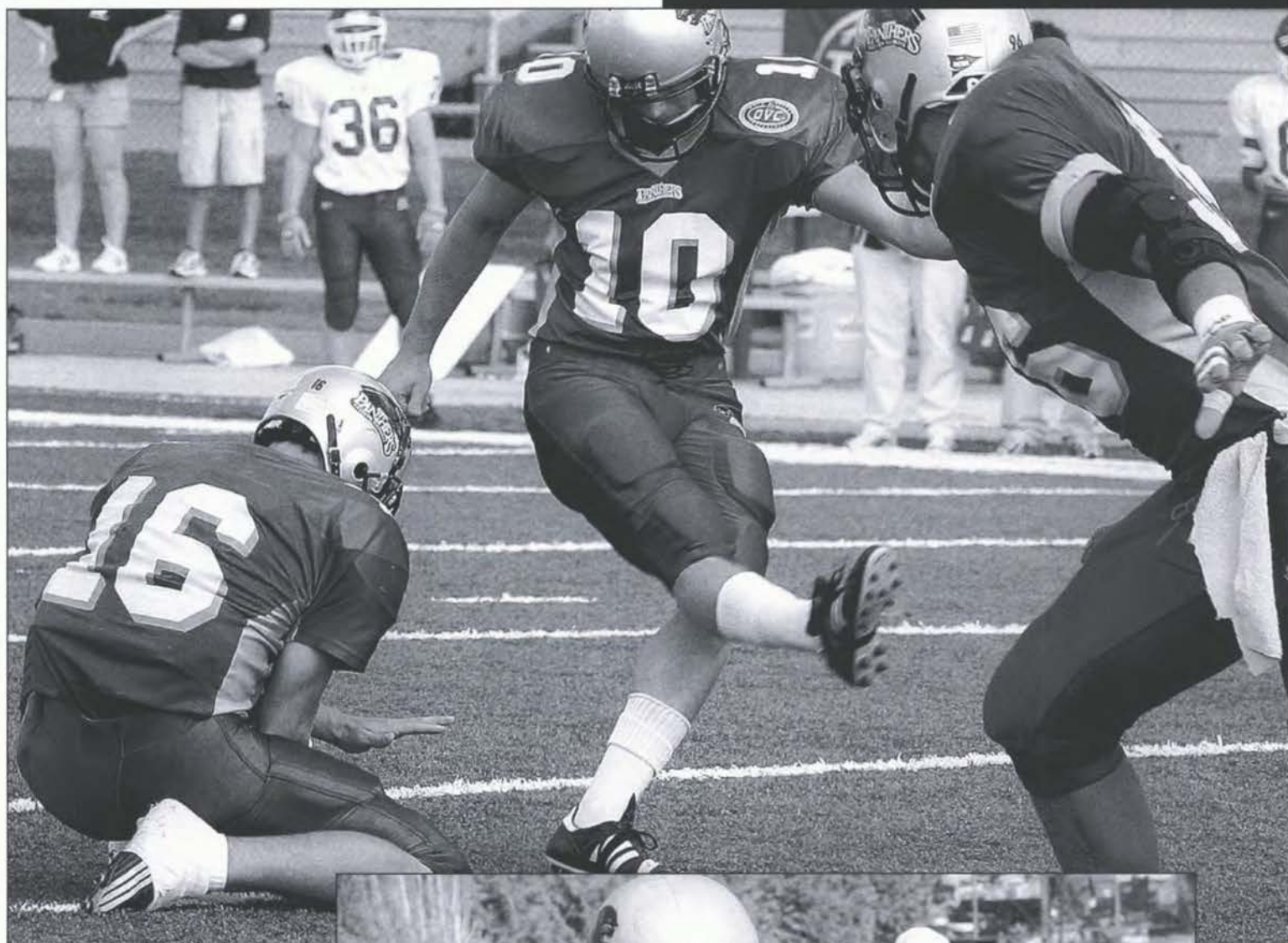
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Below left, Red-shirt freshman running back Vincent Webb rushes up the field in the second quarter during Eastern's 29-12 win against Tennessee-Martin University. Webb had 30 carries for 206 yards and 2 touchdowns in his first start of the season.

Right, Sophomore defensive end Kory Lothe hands the ball to a referee after a play against the University of Missouri.

Below right, Sophomore quarterback Andrew Harris looks for an open receiver during EIU's Homecoming game against Tennessee-Martin in O'Brien Stadium. Harris threw 9-19 for 173 yards passing and ran nine times for 66 yards to help eastern win 29-12.





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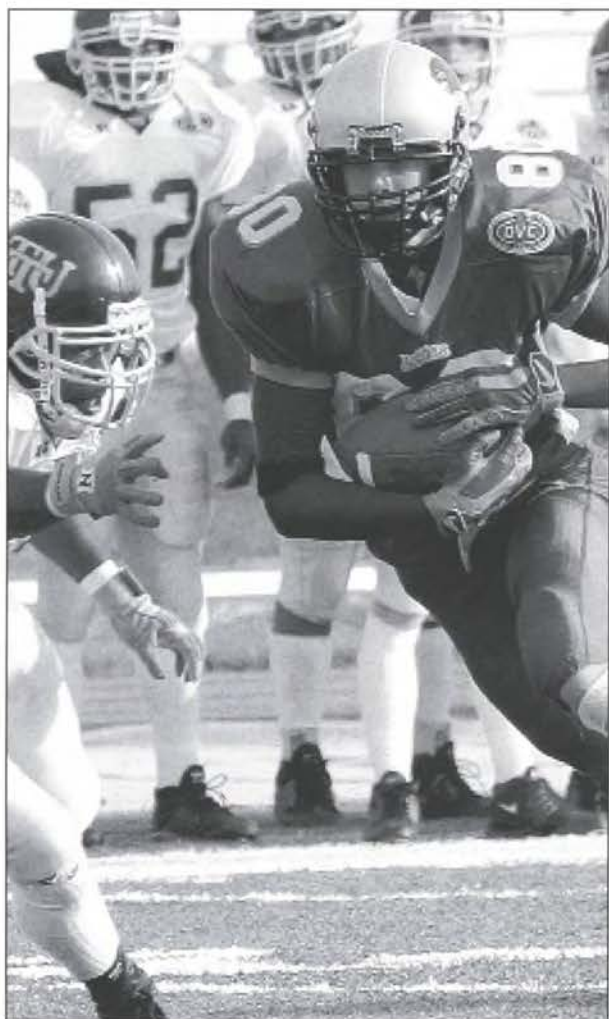
Far above, Sophomore placekicker Steve Kuehn's 39 yard field goal helped Eastern beat Murray State 27-17.

Above, Red-shirt freshman receiver Jermaine Mobley heads up O'Brien Field during the Oct. 11 game against Eastern Kentucky University.



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Above, Sophomore DE Travis Wanzeck is congratulated by junior DT Marcus Lorick after recovering a fumble in the first quarter of Eastern's football game against California (Pa.) University at O'Brien Stadium. Eastern won the game 27-0.

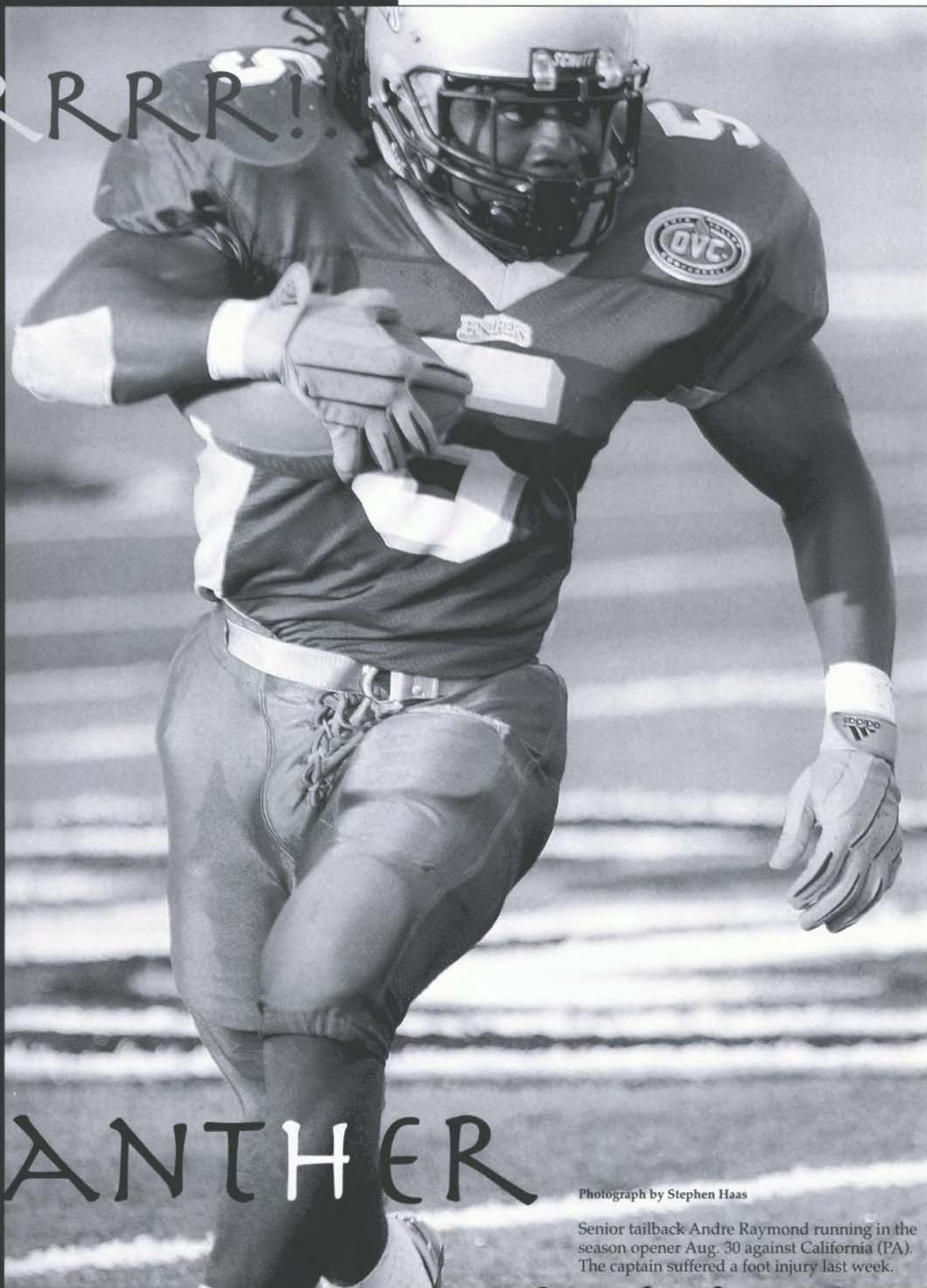


Left, Eastern Illinois University freshman wide receiver Ryan Voss escapes Tennessee Tech junior free safety Brandon Shelby (left) during Eastern's 37-10 win Nov. 8,

Eastern had a rough season in 2003. Though they started off the season with a win against California, they went on to a five game losing streak. They ended up the year with a 4-8 record, placing sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference at 3-5. 2003 was the second losing season the Panthers had in eight years. However, the year had its high points. Eastern alumna Tony Romo, who was awarded the prestigious Payton Award last year, signed with the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent. Also, six Eastern players earned All-Ohio Valley Conference honors. Nick Ricks, Frank Castagnoli, Nick Eller, Fred Miller, Marcus Lorick and Kory Lothe all were given different honors by the OVC.

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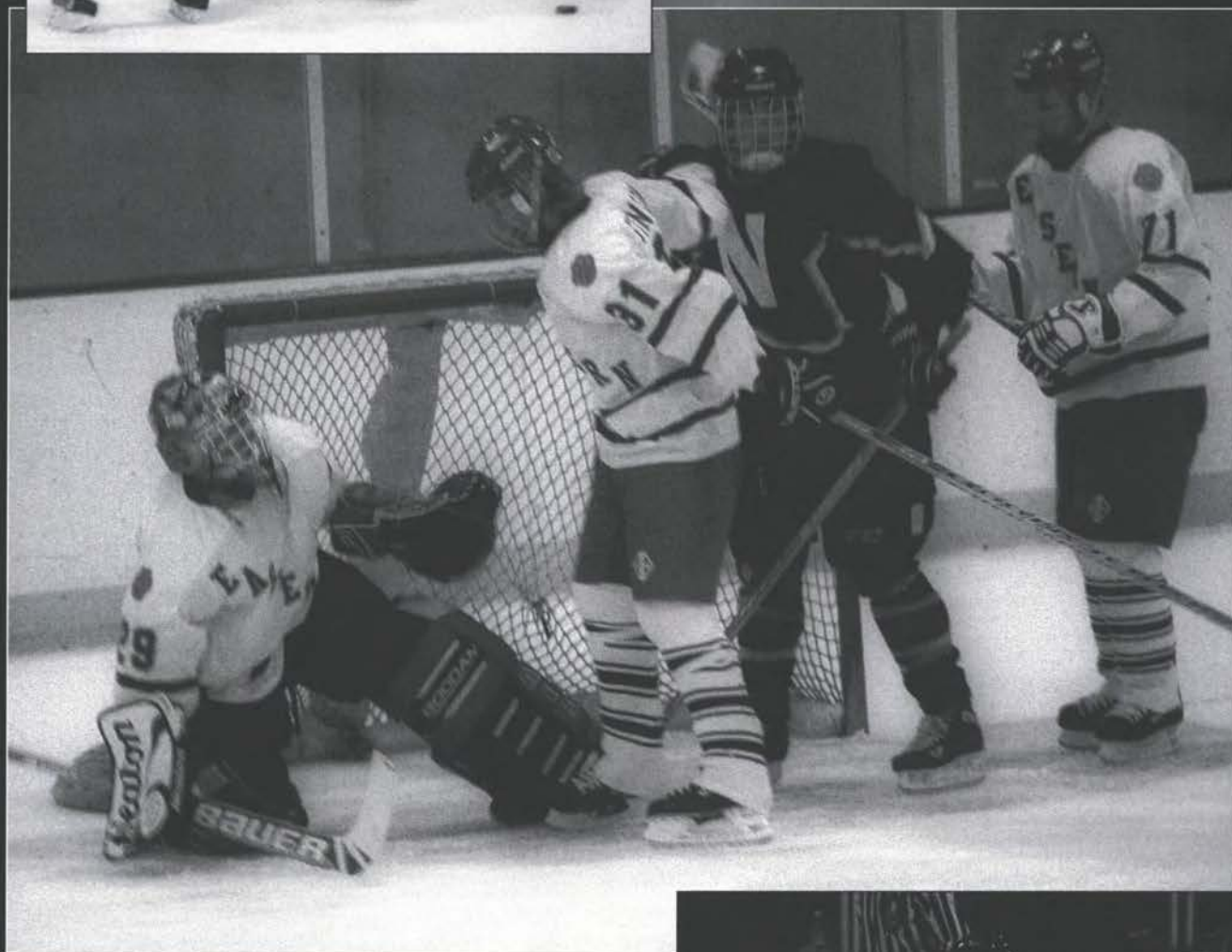
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Senior tailback Andre Raymond running in the season opener Aug. 30 against California (PA). The captain suffered a foot injury last week.

FOOTBALL



Left, Adam Alvarez struggles to keep control of the puck and away from his Northwestern opponent. Eastern went on to win the game with a score of 9-2.



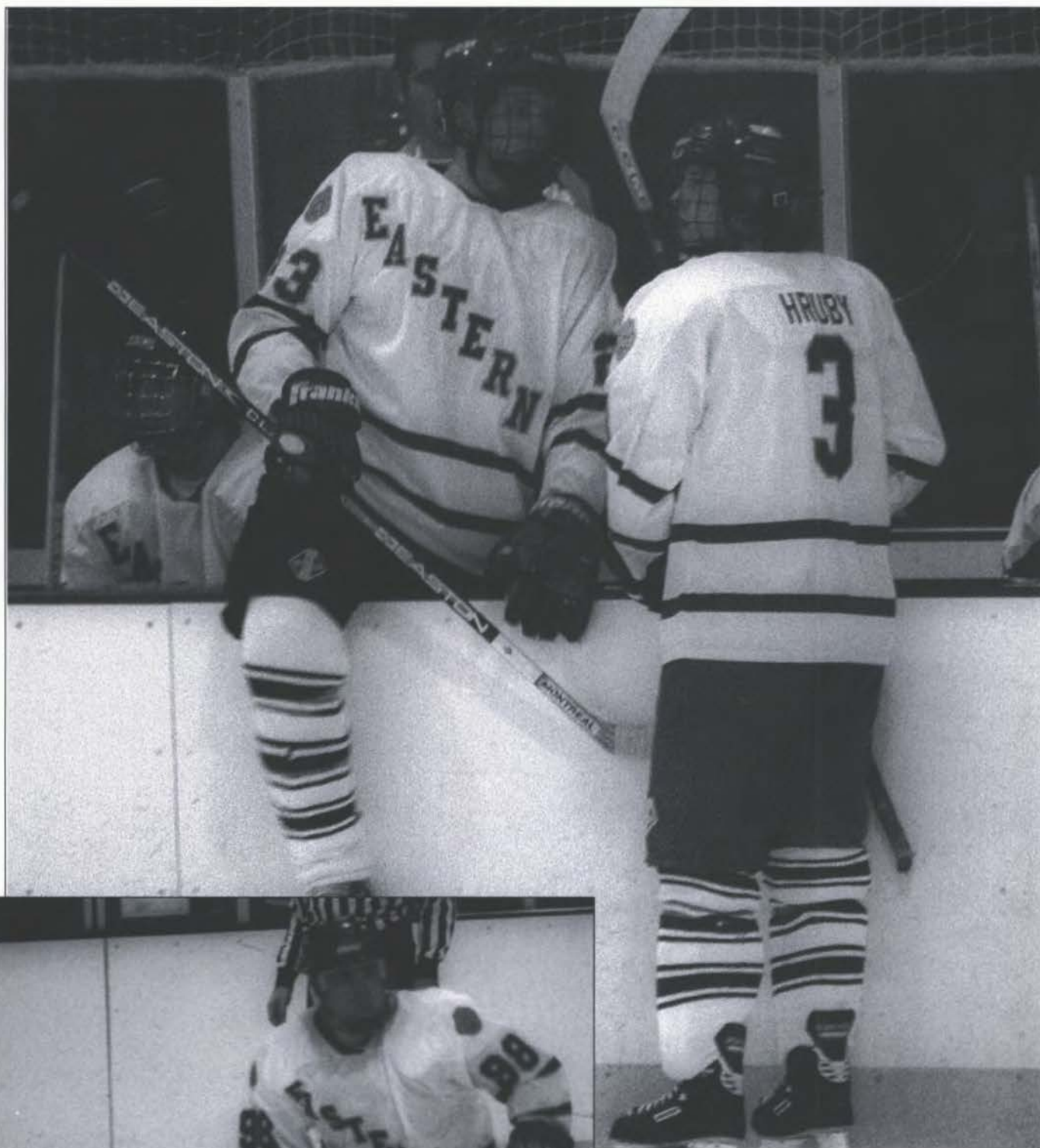
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Above, Colin Stanton reaches to help goalie Nick Maggio to his feet while Matt Ishmiel exchanges words with a Northwestern opponent. Colin, along with Mitch Wilkens, worked hard at defending Eastern's goal throughout the 2003-2004 season.

Right, Dan Sechrest, on the breakaway, succeeds in scoring a goal for the EIU hockey club. Half the members of Eastern's hockey club were freshmen, giving the club hopes for a promising future.



Ice warriors



Photographs by Hillary Settle

Above, Joe Kopca races down the ice to defend his goal against Wheaton College's offensive players. Both games against Wheaton ended in ties with the same score of 3-3.

Left, Brian Fisher and Greg Hruby talk strategy while changing lines. EIU's hockey team communicated well both on and off the ice, establishing friendships as well as a united team.



Photograph submitted by Wayne Perry

Above, Eastern's hockey club shares moments of bliss after being awarded with their first place championship trophy. This was the first time Eastern had won the MACHA Silver Division Championship.

Photograph by Hillary Settle

Left, Tom Blake waits for a pass from unseen teammate Chris Micks. Blake was third in overall scoring for the EIU hockey club during the 2003-2004 season.



Geniuses on ice

Eastern's Hockey Club nabs 1st championship title

By Hillary Settle

Associate Warbler Design Editor

Club sports at Eastern Illinois University face many challenges, and the hockey team is no different. Clubs are alternatively funded, student run organizations, which sets them apart from the organized sports' teams on campus.

Hockey coach Ron Zachara explained that the hockey team has been around long before it became an official club at Eastern.

"Eastern has had a hockey team for several years. It died off for a little while, and then started back up around 10 years ago. We've been a recognized student organization for the past eight years. We became an RSO to use Eastern's name for our sport," Zachara said.

Eastern's hockey team is also a member of the Mid America Collegiate Hockey Association.

"This is our fourth year in the MACHA. Of course, there was one year of probation to see if the league wanted us," Zachara explained.

This is Zachara's third year acting as coach for the hockey team. He lives in Danville, where the team practices, so it makes the situation more convenient. He used to play for Eastern's hockey team, and said that's why he volunteered as coach.

"I played for Eastern for three years. Since I played here, I didn't want to see the team fold. I've seen the team come such a long way; we have hats, warm-ups, and a great group of guys with lots of talent. We've come so far," Zachara stated.

Although they've come a long way, the hockey team still faces many challenges. Senior team member and vice president of finance for the hockey team, Brian Blake, said the hockey players have to pay for everything the team needs out of their own pockets.

"We pay for all the things the team needs, equipment, uniforms, traveling expenses, referees, ice time for practices and everything else," Blake said.

Many of the clubs at Eastern do fundraising to help take the pressure of individual players. One of the ways the hockey team fundraises is by creating ad books, or programs for the hockey team. They sell them at hockey games and encourage local businesses to purchase advertisements in it to raise money.

"The program has all the players' photographs and a team photo, as well as business ads that we gain money from. We've been doing it for two years so it's not that big yet," Blake explained.

Money is not the only obstacle that club sports face.

The hockey team, as well as all other club sports, must organize themselves.

The hockey team elects officers from the team roster who organize every aspect of the team. Hockey officers for the 2003-2004 season included Wayne Perry, president; Chris Micks, vice president of programming; Jeff Weinacht, vice president programming chair; Brian Blake, vice president of finance; Greg Hruby, vice president of communications; Brian Fisher, team apparel; Travis Graff, webmaster; and Ron Zachara, head coach.

"The officers plan and organize everything. We also have to make sure everything is all right with the players on campus as far as eligibility goes. We set up practices and conditioning. Since our coach lives in Danville, we have to do almost everything ourselves," Blake explained.

The team does not even have a rink to call home. They practice on the ice in Danville twice a week and hold their games at the Decatur Civic Center, where they get free ice time in return for letting the Civic Center keep the profits from concessions and admission.

Since they can only get ice time to practice twice a week, players work out and condition at the Student Recreation Center, both individually and as a team.

"We do off-ice conditioning where we do running workouts and weights and everything. One of our main concerns is that the players get their workouts in every week," Perry said.

Their hard work has definitely been paying off as the hockey team continues to improve. They won the MACHA Silver Division Championship for the first time during the 2003-2004 season. Eastern was seeded second when they entered the playoffs, where they beat Northwestern 6-3 to qualify for the championship against Iowa.

"We had not beaten Iowa during the season, so winning the championship against them was awesome," said Perry.

Perry scored the winning goal in overtime.

"We scored the first goal, then they scored three straight. We came back in the third and tied it. Then, about eight minutes into overtime, I scored the winning goal. It felt great," Perry said.

The hockey team only loses two seniors after their championship win, Brian Blake and Chris Micks.

"The core of our team this year was freshmen, which means they'll be around next year. I definitely think we have a good shot at the championship next year, too," said Perry.

Eastern and its fans were extremely proud of the 2003 women's soccer team which didn't end its magnificent season until losing in the state championship. Congrats to the women's soccer brigade for making us proud! The women's soccer team were true to their For the eighth straight year Eastern turned in a winning record and won at least 10 games. The Panthers finished 11-6-5 overall, 6-0-2 in OVC play. Though their run at the NCAA cup was unsuccessful, the Panthers became the Ohio Valley Tournament champions for the fourth straight year. A tie against Samford extended Eastern's OVC unbeaten streak to 17 straight, setting a school record. Three starting seniors will graduate this year, leaving the Panthers to face new challenges in the 2004 season.

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Upper left, sophomore goalkeeper Tiffany Groene makes a save during practice at Lakeside Field.

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Lower left, the women's soccer team reacts to the announcement of the NCAA tournament brackets in the Student Recreation Center.

Upper right, sophomore forward Lindsey Holcomb dodges a Missouri defender during the first round of the NCAA College Cup at the University of Missouri.

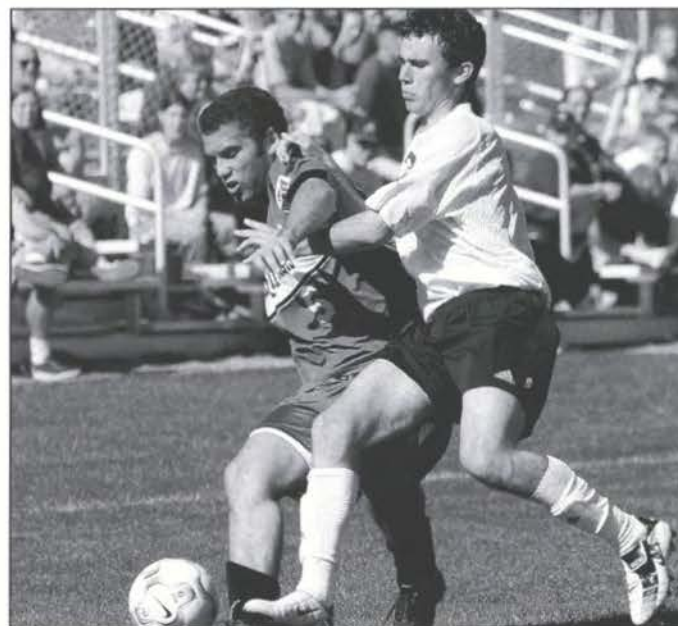
Lower right, Senior Beth Liesen tangles with a Mizzou opponent during the first round of the NCAA College Cup at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.





Women's soccer team enjoys dream season





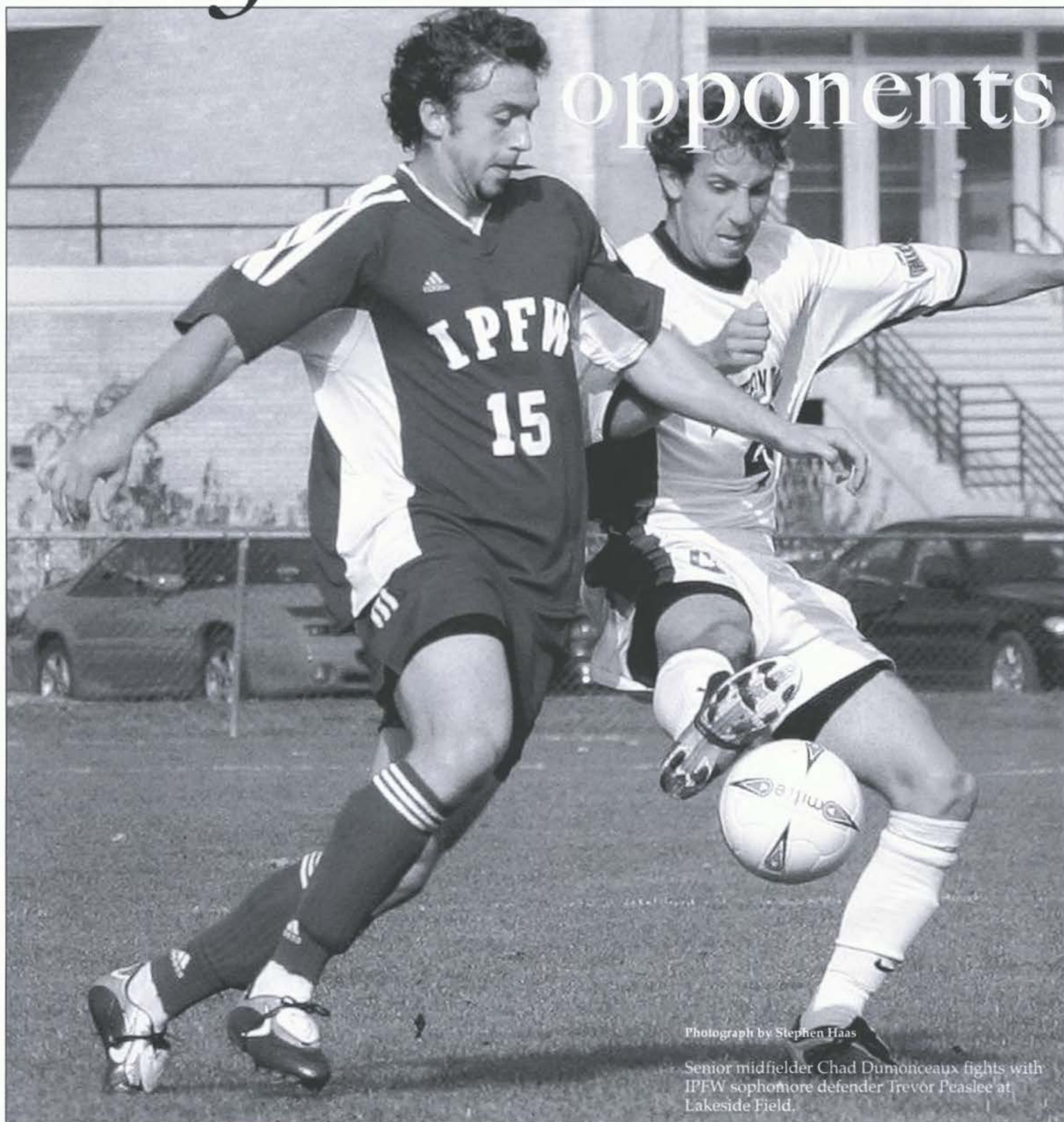
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Above, Senior midfielder/forward Abraham Martinez scored three goals and added an assist during games against Drury and Butler.

Bottom left, Freshman midfielder Matt Galanes fights for possession against Evansville Oct. 19 at Lakeside Soccer Field.

Bottom right, Freshman defender Mike Comiskey takes the ball away from Evansville sophomore defender Lance Muckey Sunday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

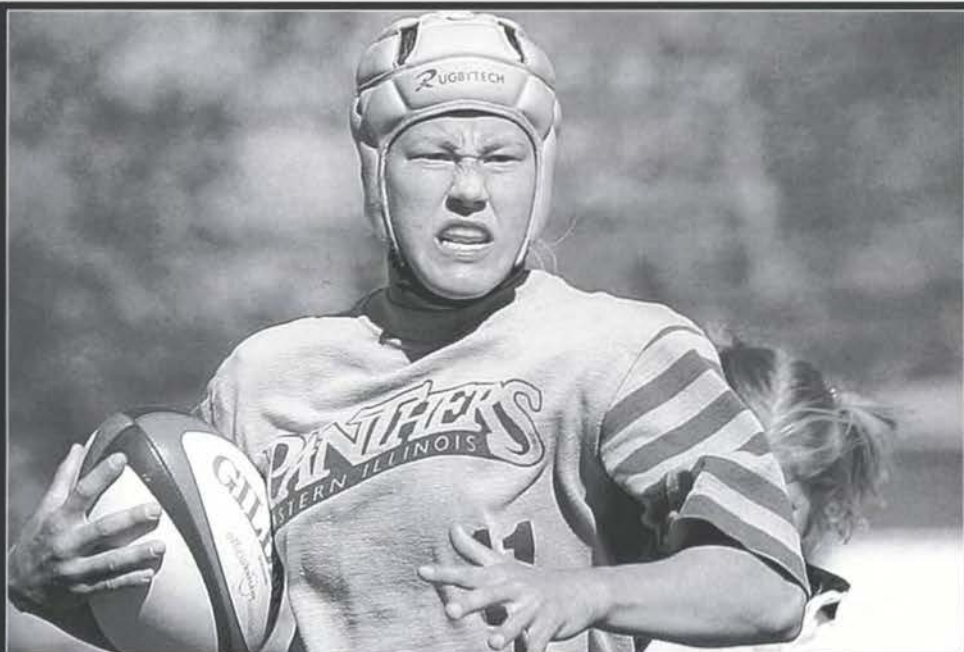
2003 Cats kick their opponents



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Senior midfielder Chad Dumonceaux fights with IPFW sophomore defender Trevor Peaslee at Lakeside Field.

The men's soccer team faced a tough season in 2003. Though they started off strong, placing third in their first tournament and winning their next match, the team ended up finishing 5-12-2 and 0-8-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference. They ended their season with an eight game losing streak. However, their fourth straight year, the Panthers finished .500 or better in non-conference play posting a 5-4-1 record this season.



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Opposite page,
Sophomore quarterback
Andrew Harris completed
6-16 passes for 41 yards
and ran 9 times for 37
yards against Murray
State. Eastern won the
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Left, Senior center Becky
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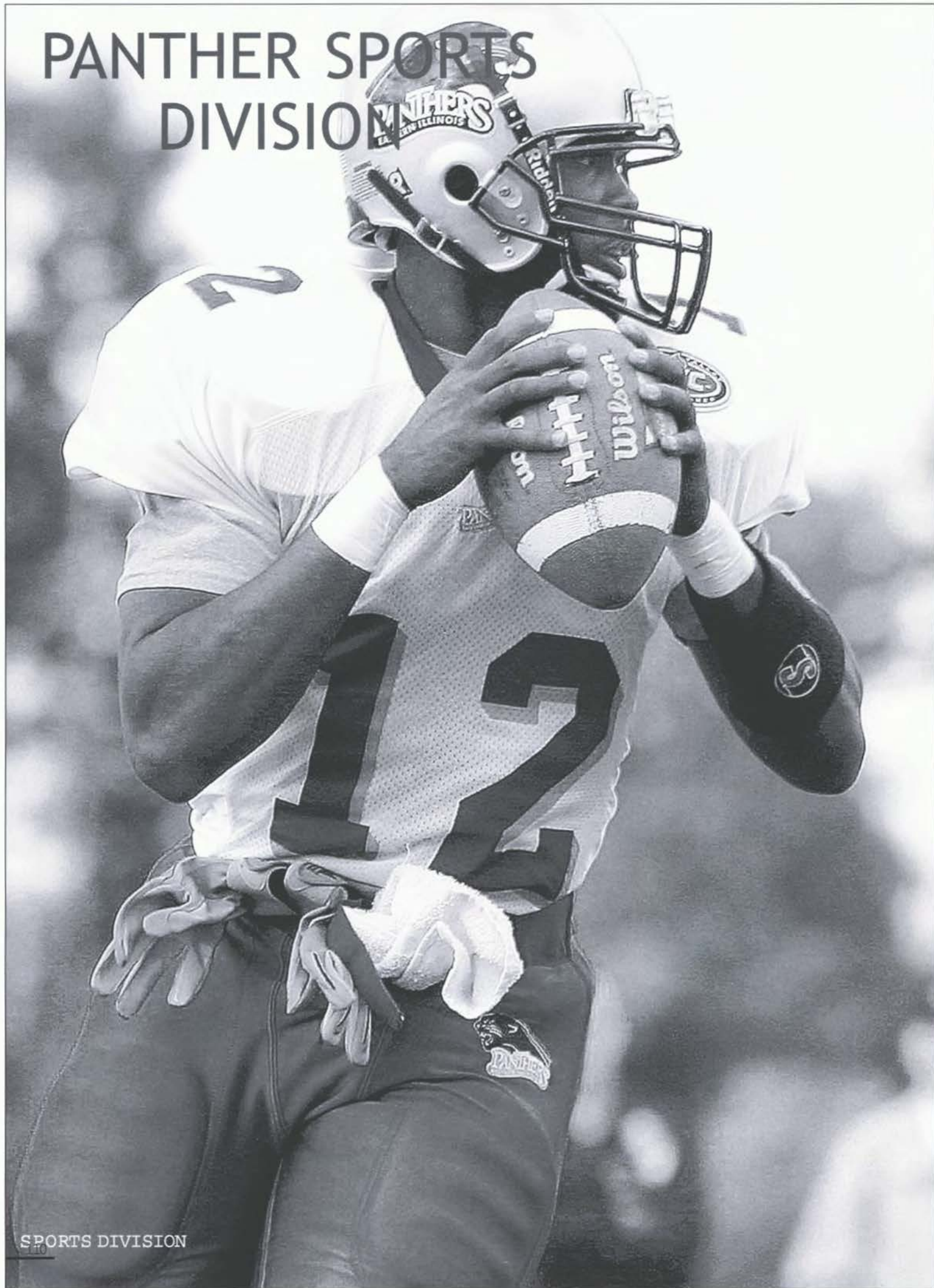
Left, a softball player hones her catching
skills during a spring practice.

Below, Junior forward Audra Frericks tangles
with Western Illinois University freshman
midfielder Katherine Roman at Lakeside Field.
Frericks scored two goals towards Eastern's 6-0
win.



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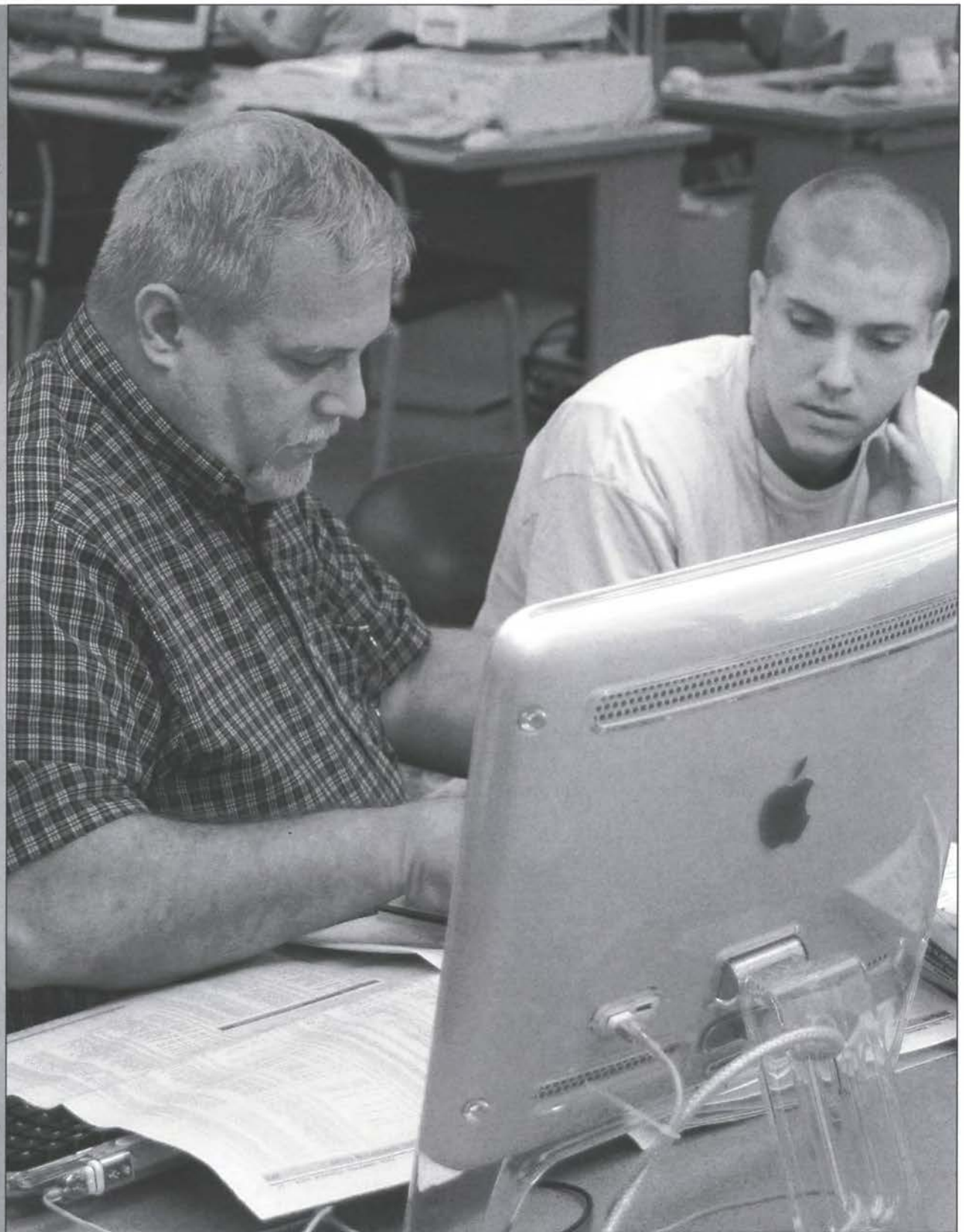


SPORTS DIVISION

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Stephen Haas

At right, Don Braswell, lab manager at the Gregg Triad Computer Lab, helps transfer student Andrew Whited, junior physical education major, register for classes on the P.A.W.S. online registration system Friday afternoon. Computer problems shut the internet down all over campus, and the Gregg lab is one of the first buildings to have service back up. Braswell said that the word spread quickly, and students were coming in from all over campus to use the computers.

At left, a posted sign from ITS regarding the machines.



Eastern's unsung technology heroes

By Karen Kirr
Editor in Chief

Despite the network problems that plagued Eastern after two widespread computer viruses aggravated the university's campus server during the better part of August 2003, Don Braswell is hardly fazed.

In fact, the senior applications analyst and lab manager of the Gregg Triad computer lab, who often times is on the receiving end of student and faculty network frustrations, is upbeat about Eastern's network.

The Triad lab works in cooperation with Eastern's Information Technology Services Help Desk as a client services department to the campus.

"We help out the help desk – evenings, during the day – lots of people walk in during the day," said Braswell, who has been employed by Eastern since 1994. Besides assisting his staff of computer savvy professionals in quelling the network concerns of students, Braswell helps maintain certain mainframe operations as well as handle testing services associated with the network.

Started just last spring in its current version, the ITS Help Desk, supervised by Connie Downey, has sprouted into a service that not only answers computer-related questions via telephone and e-mail. The desk also sends technicians out to assist the campus community in resolving computer glitches or other computer complications at on-campus housing or office facilities. "It is more of a one-stop shop (than before spring of 2003)," Downey said. Braswell credited ITS assistant John Henderson for transforming the desk into the service it is now.

"We try to answer questions over the phone, but if it looks like a technician is needed it will be recorded in a problem log by whoever is working," Braswell said. But answering complex computer questions over the phone can be daunting at times since students have varied levels of knowledge on the equipment that may be puzzling them.

"The most difficult thing about talking over the

phone is your terminology versus their terminology," he said. "You have to get yourself into their mode; look at things from their point of view. You have to take your time with students. The only questions that aren't asked are the

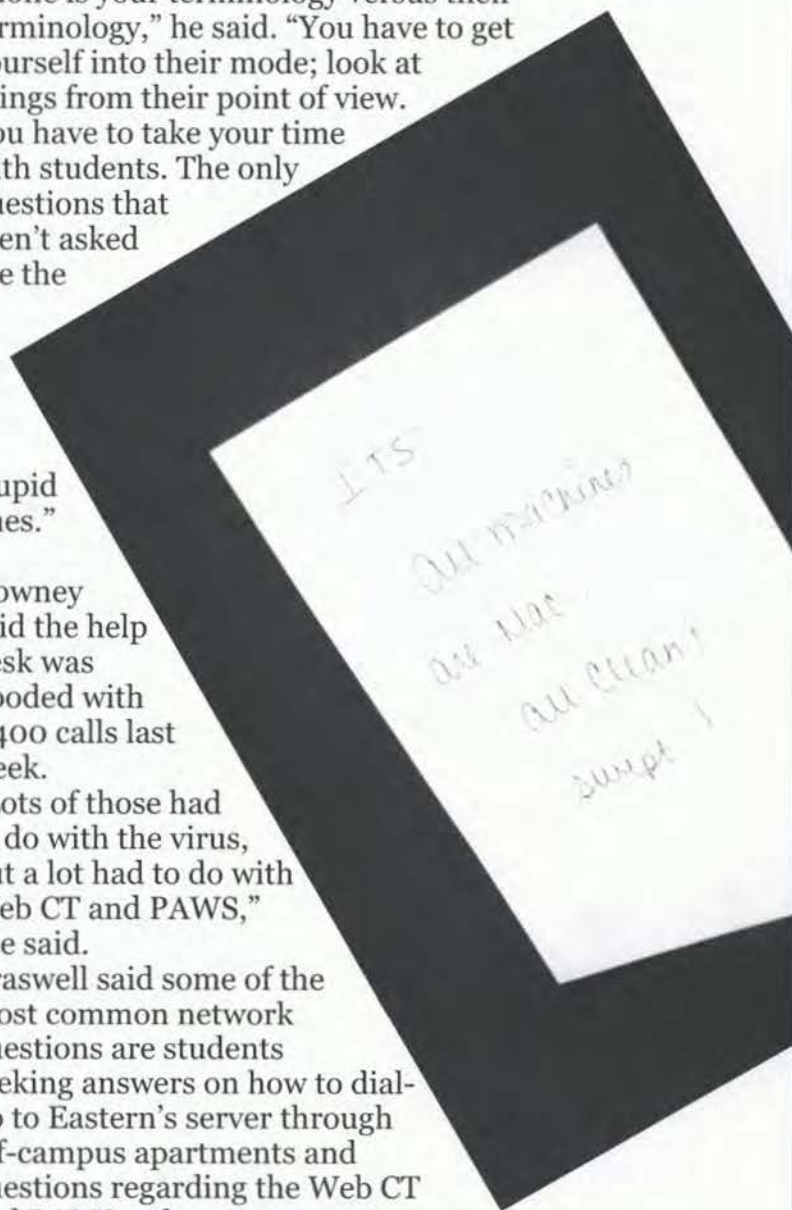
stupid ones."

Downey said the help desk was flooded with 1,400 calls last week.

"Lots of those had to do with the virus, but a lot had to do with Web CT and PAWS," she said.

Braswell said some of the most common network questions are students seeking answers on how to dial-up to Eastern's server through off-campus apartments and questions regarding the Web CT and PAWS software systems.

He said the lab distributes diagrams to students living off-campus, which outline how they can access Eastern's Internet network. Although the university's network has been wrought with problems the last few weeks, Braswell emphasized it is inevitable that viruses will seep through the network sometimes.



Tugging away



Photograph by Josh Reeley

Above, The Alpha Phi tugs team pulls their way to victory Saturday afternoon at the Campus Pond. Alpha Phi came in first place in the tugs competition.



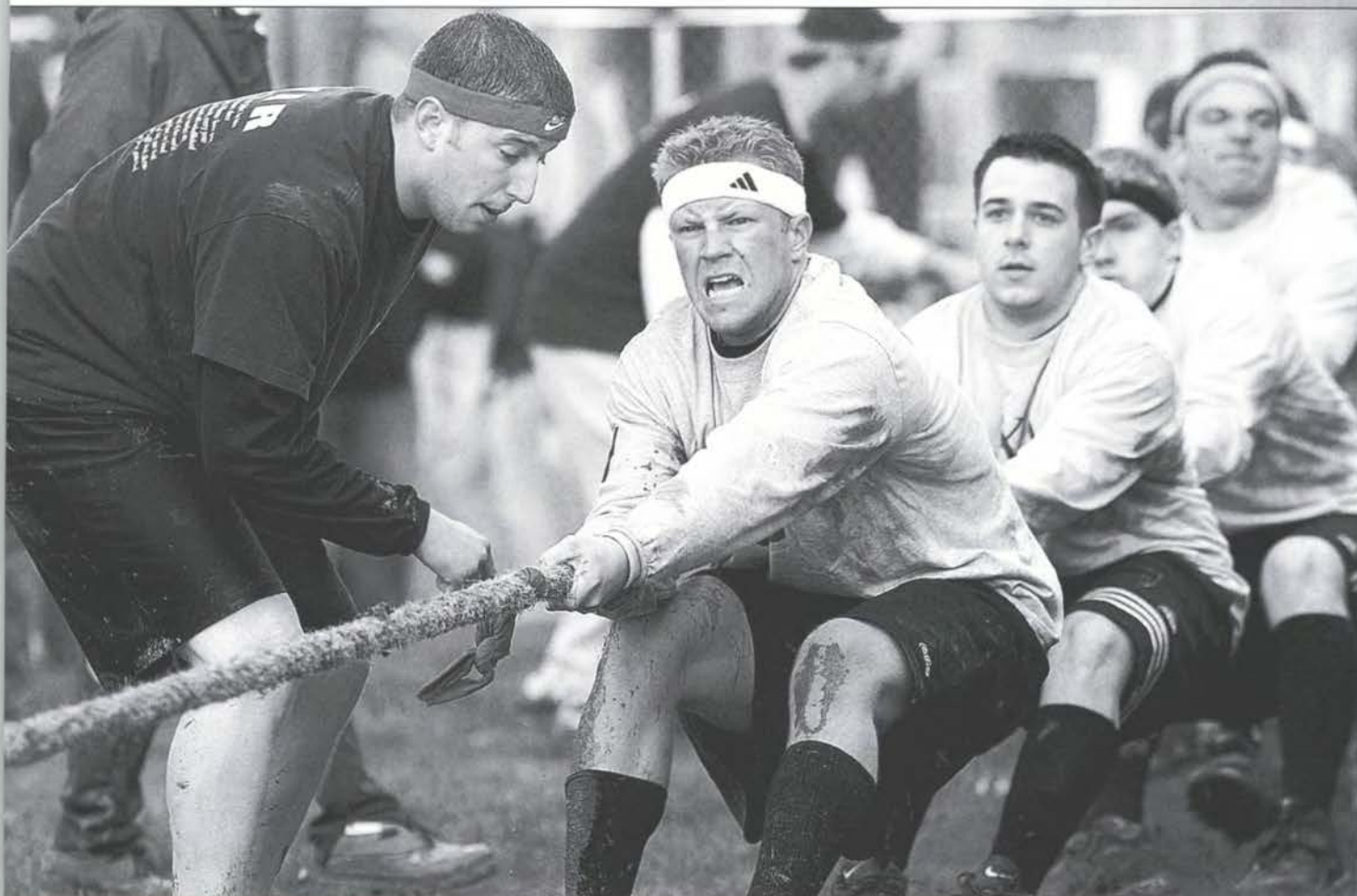
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and Colin McAuliffe

Above, Onlookers cheer as
members of Sigma Phi Epsilon
strain to hold on to the game.

Right, Members of the Sigma Pi
little men's tug team take first
place at the Campus Pond
Saturday afternoon.



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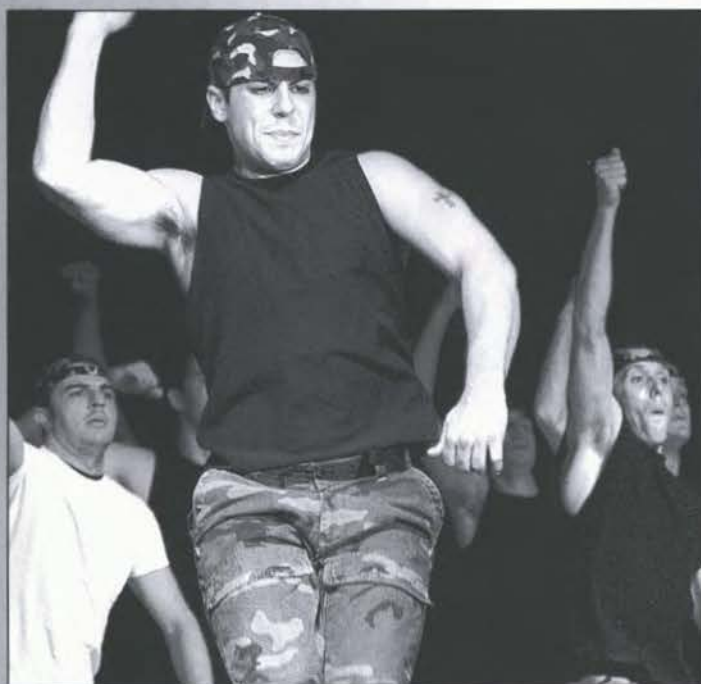
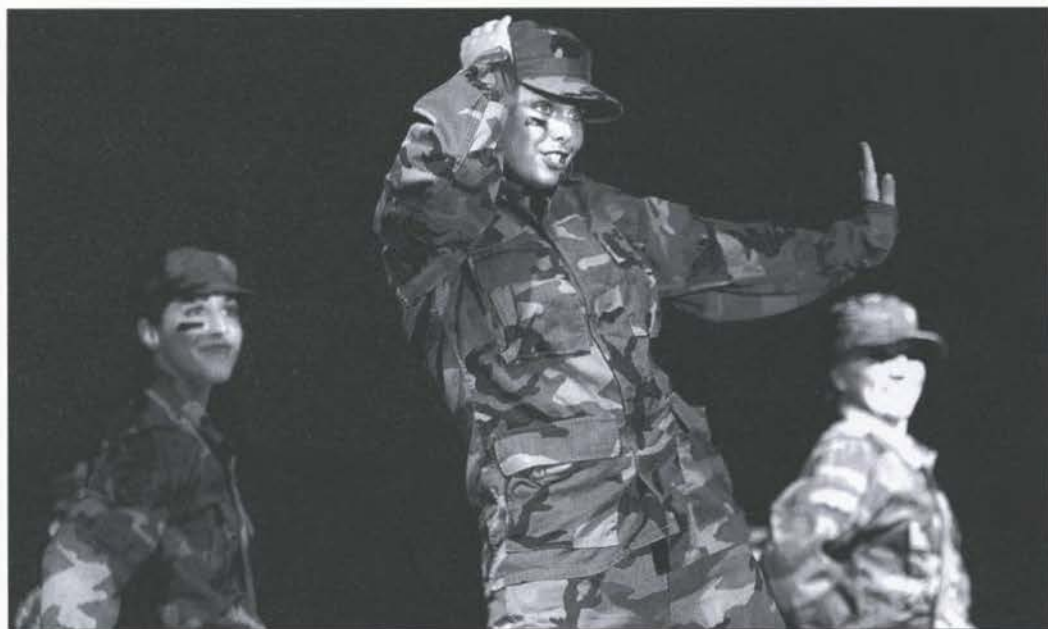
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Members of fraternities and sororities participate in a hardcore game of tug-of-war, better known as "tugs." The object is to avoid having your team pulled into the campus pond. This year's event was especially muddy due to frequent rain in the days leading up to the games.

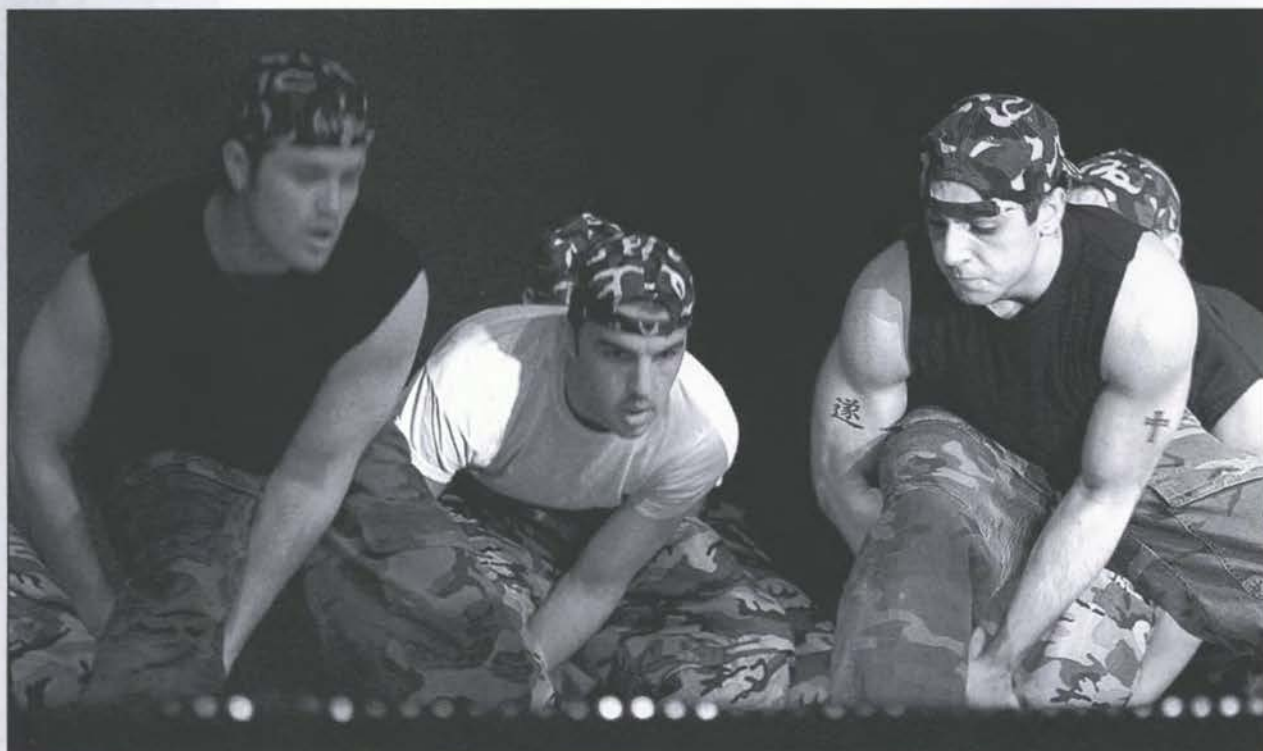
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Right and below left, Delta Zeta performs during Airband competition in Lantz Arena. The group won first place in the sorority division.

Below and far below left, Pi Kappa Alpha performs during the Airband competition in Lantz Arena. Pi Kappa Alpha won first place in the fraternity division.



AIRBAND





competition
was fierce...

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Above, The canoe team from Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity races toward the finish line Tuesday afternoon at the Campus Pond during the canoe event of Greek Week. Soon after, the team won the event.

Right, Mike Ciganek (left) and Brian Mans (right) of the Delta Chi fraternity canoe team react after tipping their canoe during a race against Sigma Nu fraternity. Delta Chi did not finish the event.



**...Let the
games
begin!**



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Above, The team of the Alpha Phi sorority hurries to complete their pyramid during finals of the Greek Week pyramid activities. Alpha Phi received first place in the contest.

Left, Matt Carlstrom, a junior history major, deals a hand of blackjack during Greek Casino activities in the Seventh Street Underground. The event was moved indoors because of the weather.



Photographs by Colin McAuliffe

Greek Sing

Above, Members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity perform AC/DC's "Thunderstruck," and other songs reminding them of Las Vegas' energy Sunday afternoon as part of Greek Sing.

Below, Members of the Delta Zeta sorority perform their favorite songs from the movie "Dirty Dancing" Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena as part of Greek Sing.



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Opposite Page, Above, Senior center Becky Carlson has participated in both the women's rugby and women's tennis programs at Eastern.

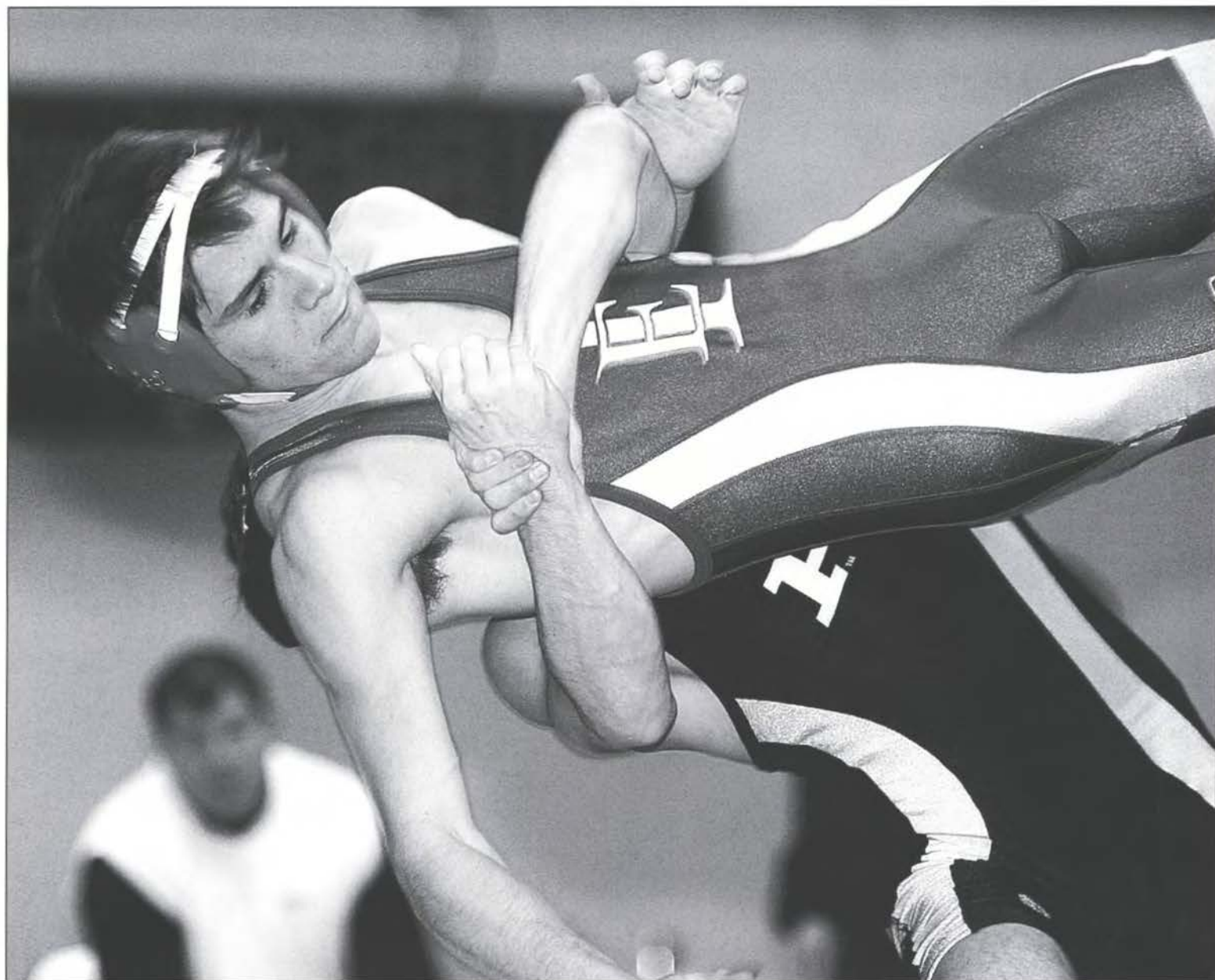
Below, Senior center Mary Archer weaves through a pair of Arkansas players during a game at Lakeside Rugby Field Oct. 18.

Right, Junior wing Nikki Ponce charges up Lakeside Field Oct. 18 against Arkansas.

Below, Junior prop Desi Pence brings down an Arkansas player at Lakeside Rugby Field. Eastern defeated Arkansas 86-3.



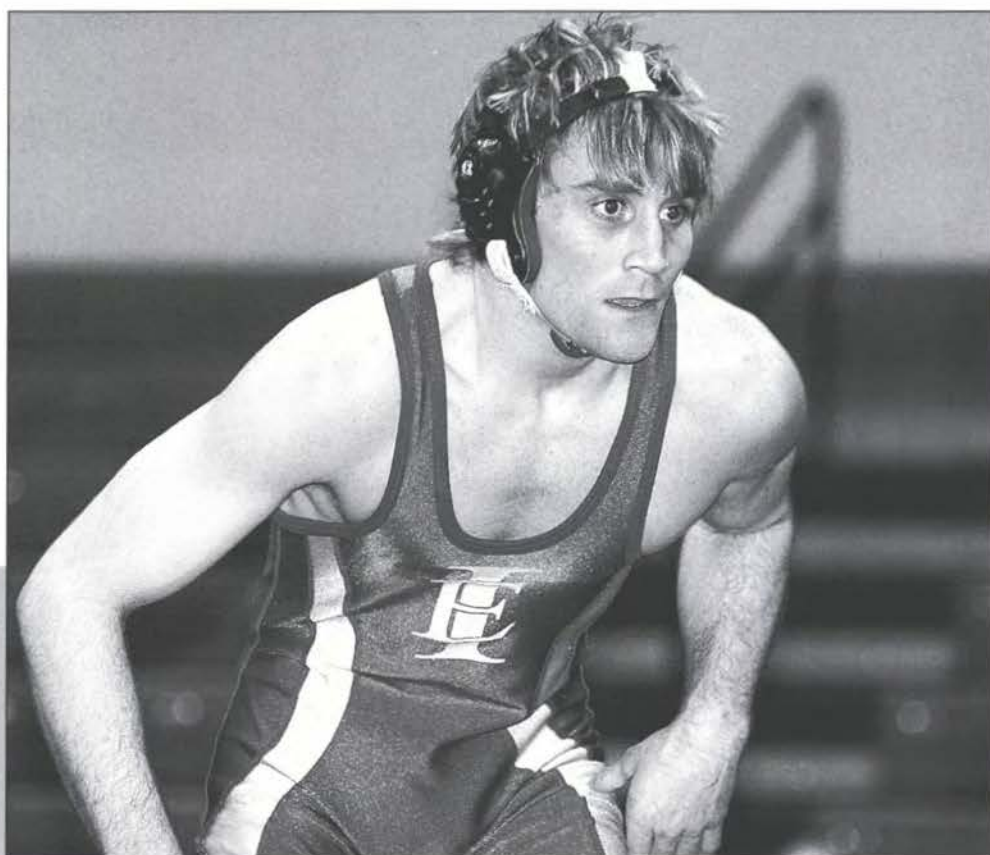
WOMEN'S RUGBY



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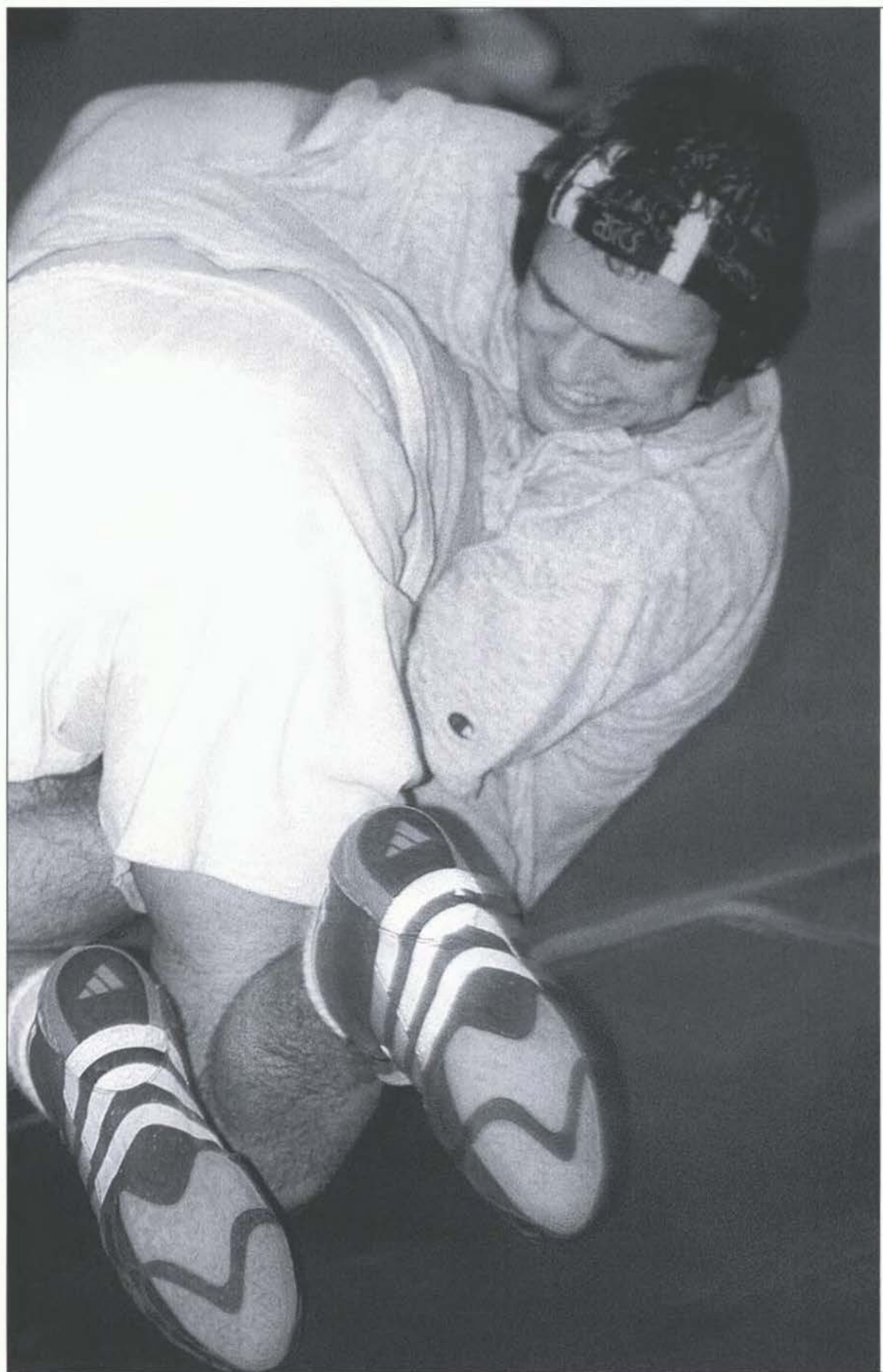
Above, A member of the Panther wrestling team goes for a ride in the air during a heated match.

At right, A Panther wrestler focuses on his opponent.



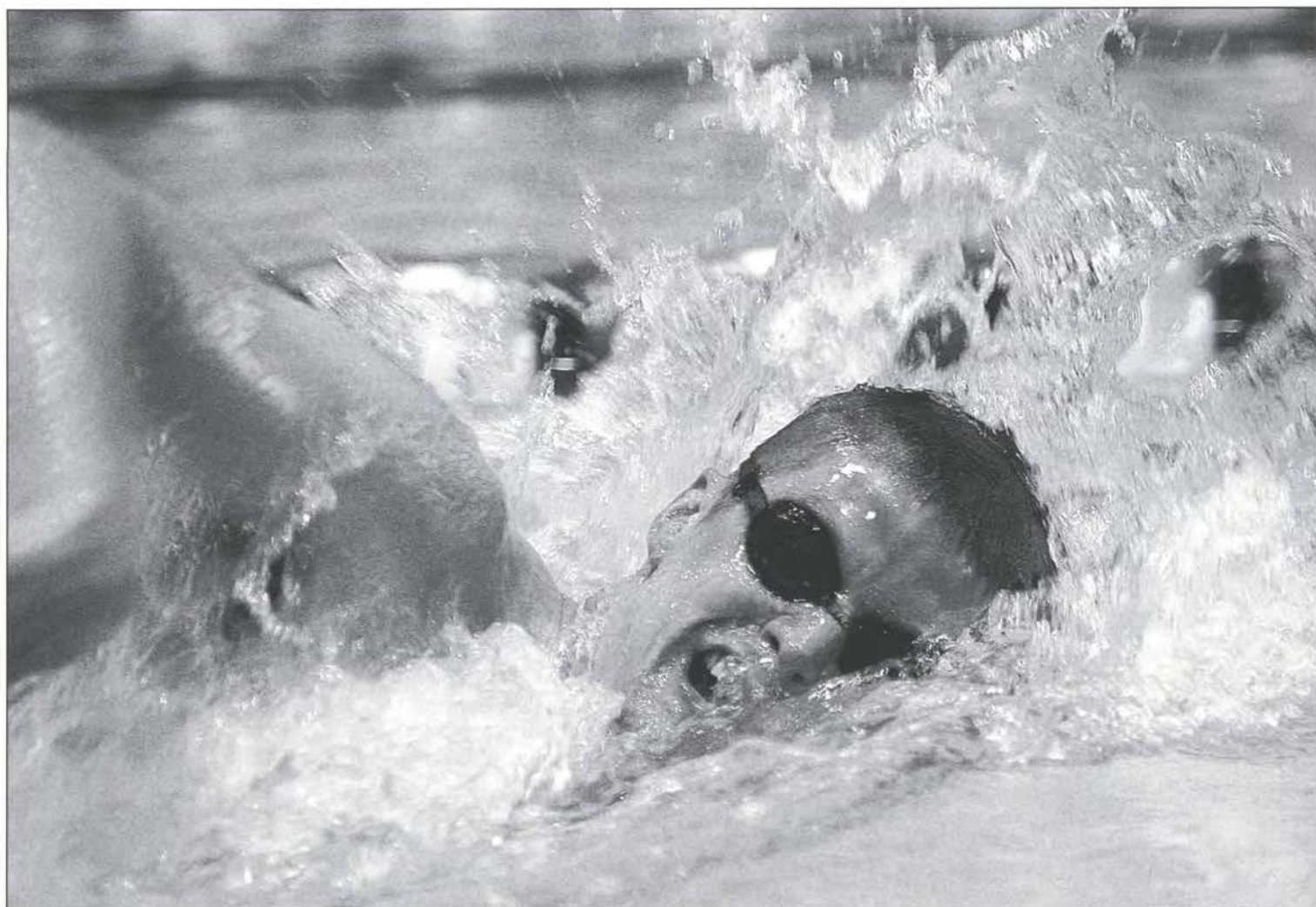
Wanna wrestle?

Panthers fight their way to victory

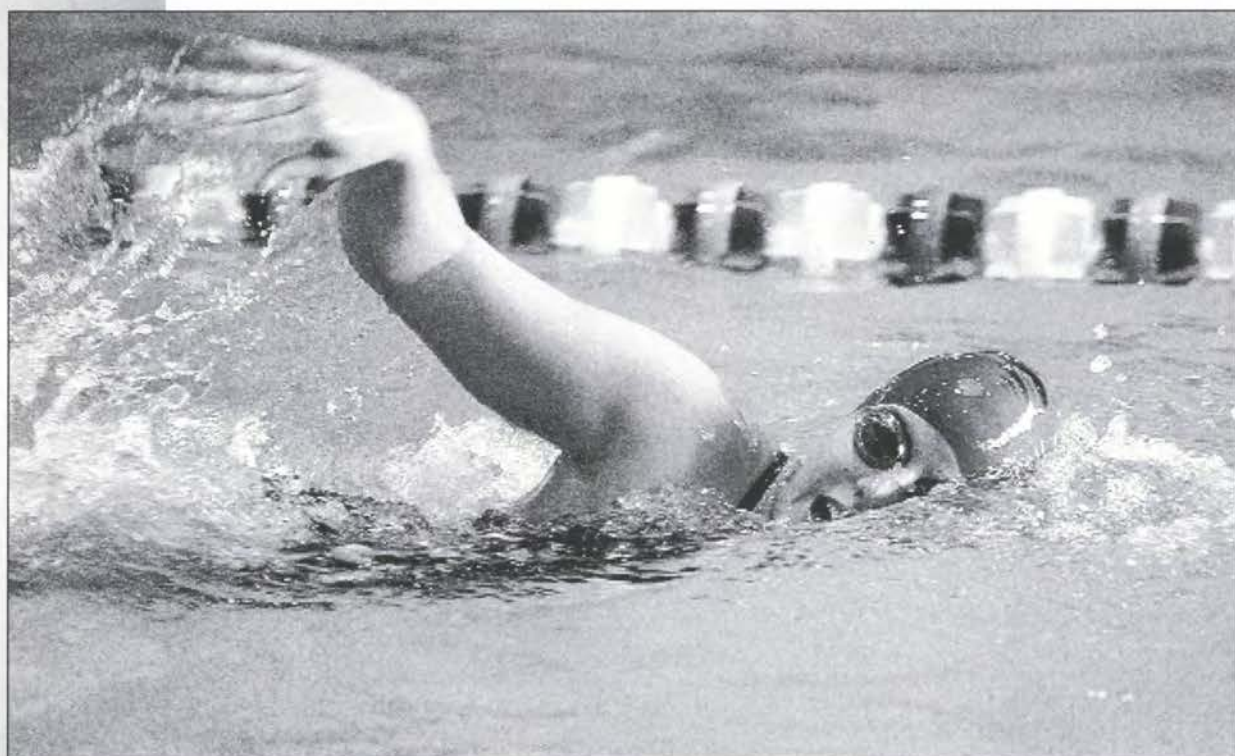


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Panther wrestlers play hard during practice.



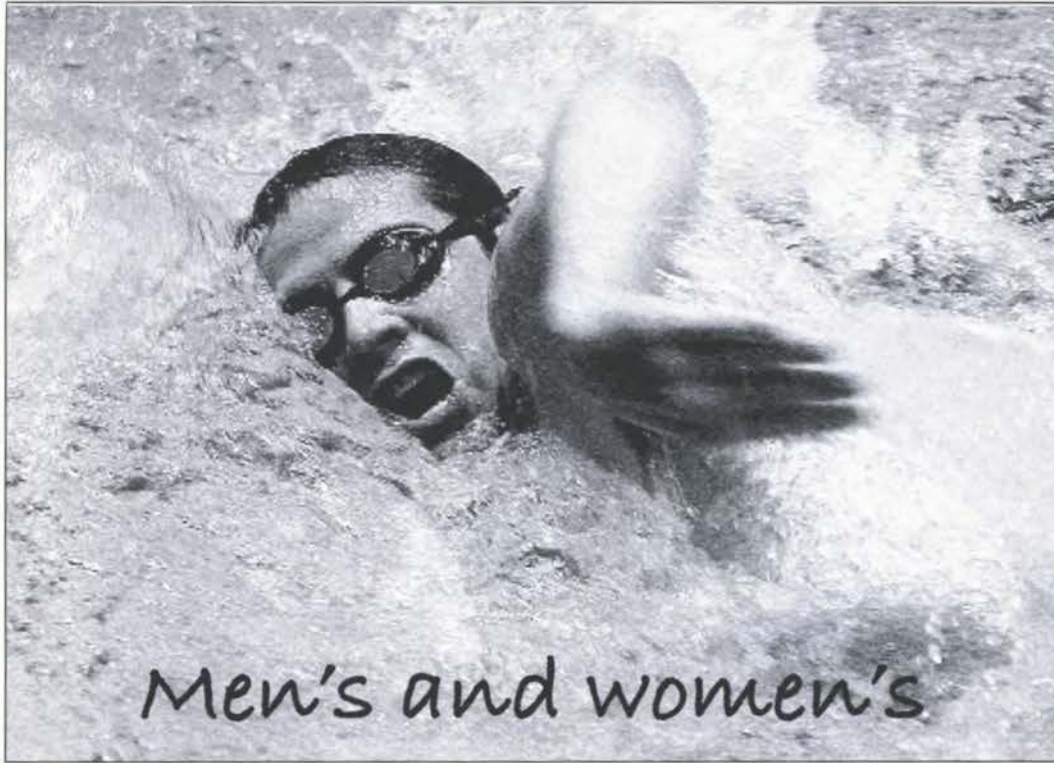
Panther



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Above (opposite page) and at left,
Members of the men's swimming team
come up for air while completing a lap.

Below (opposite page) and below, Panther
women glide through the water during a
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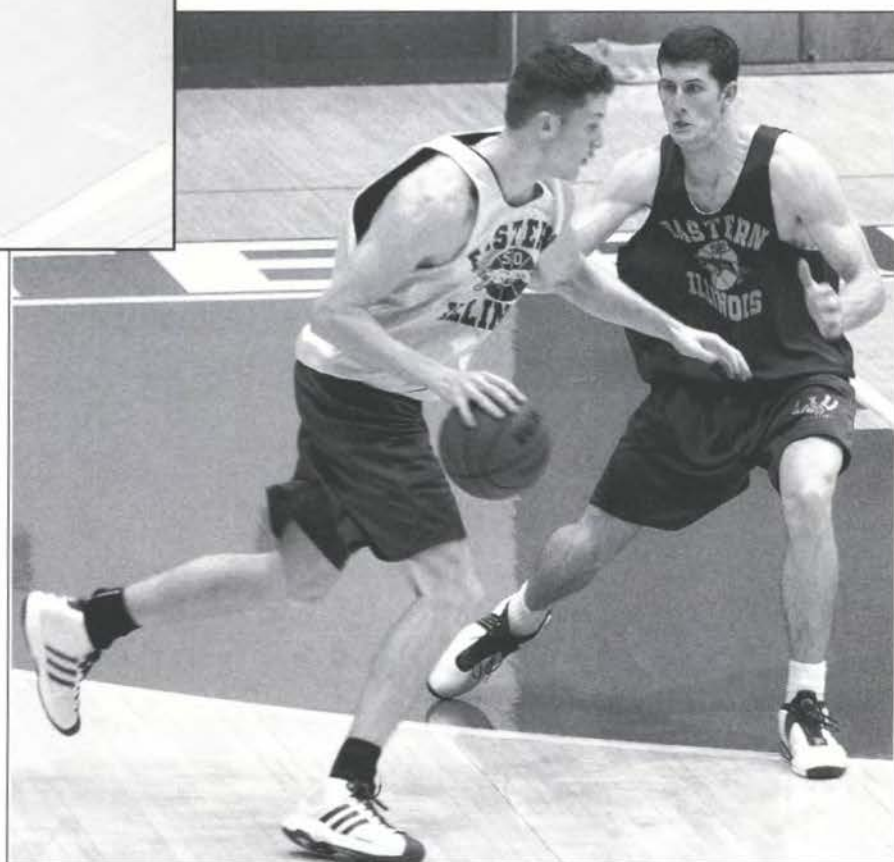
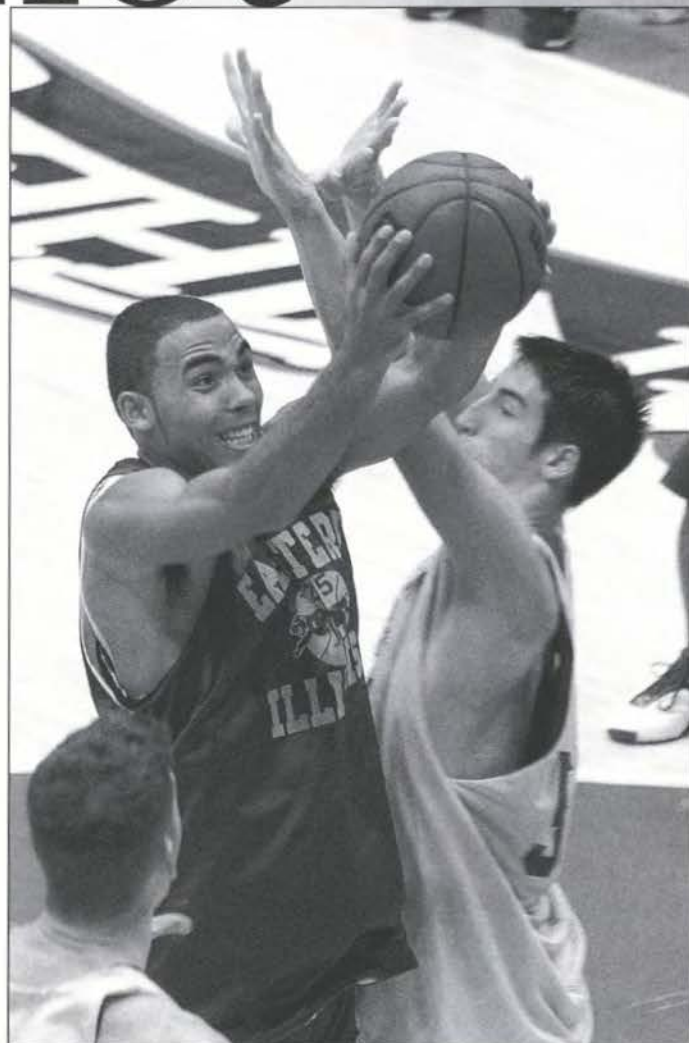
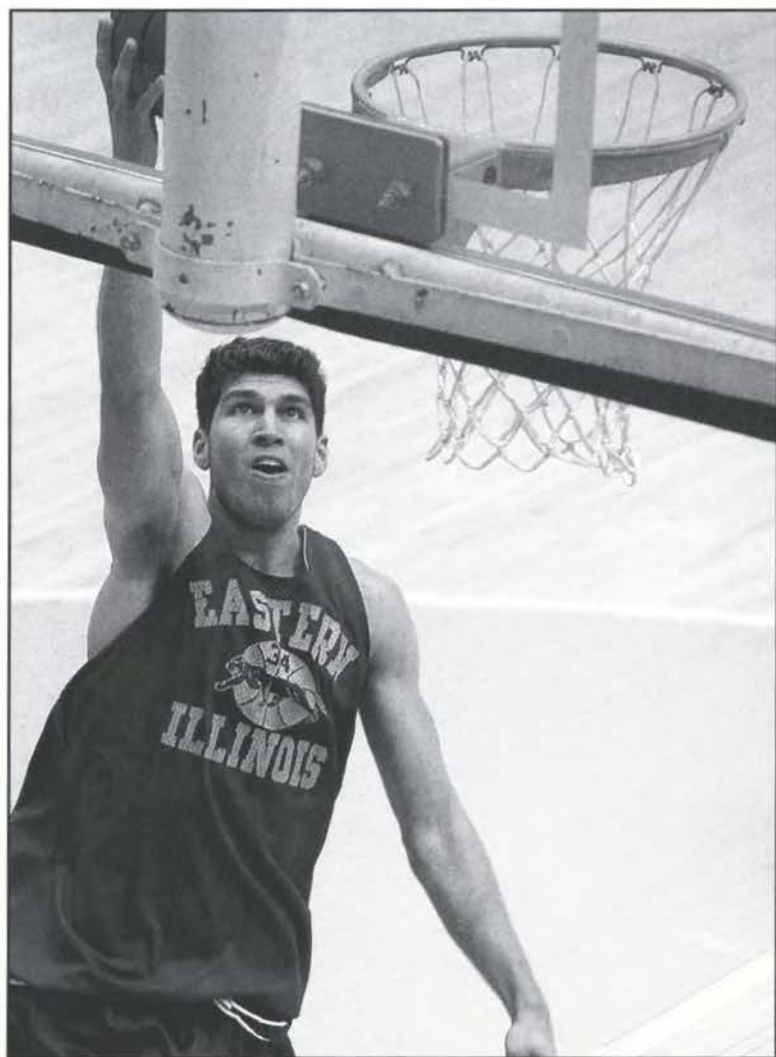
Above, Sophomore Jake Stout finishes his run during the Panther Open Sept. 19.

Opposite page, Senior Jeff Jonaitis rounds the Campus Pond on the last leg of the Panther Open Sept. 19.

C o u n t r y

A longshot

Opponents deflate men's basketball team's hopes



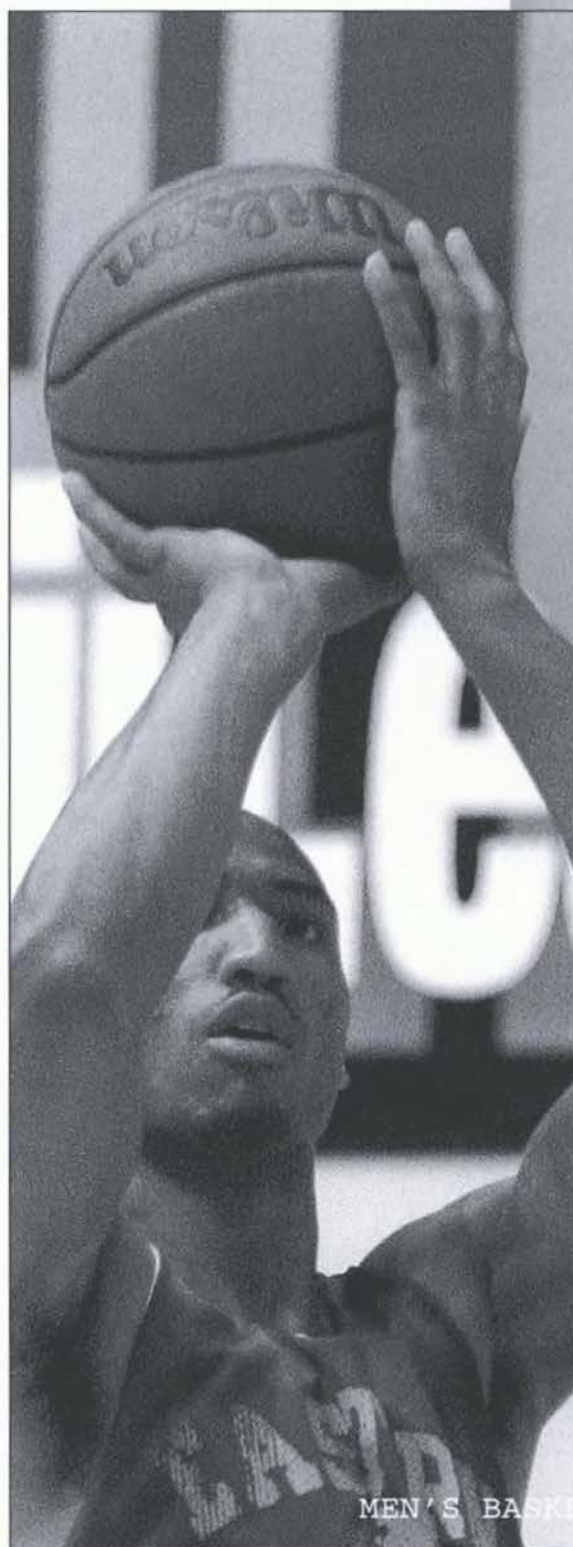
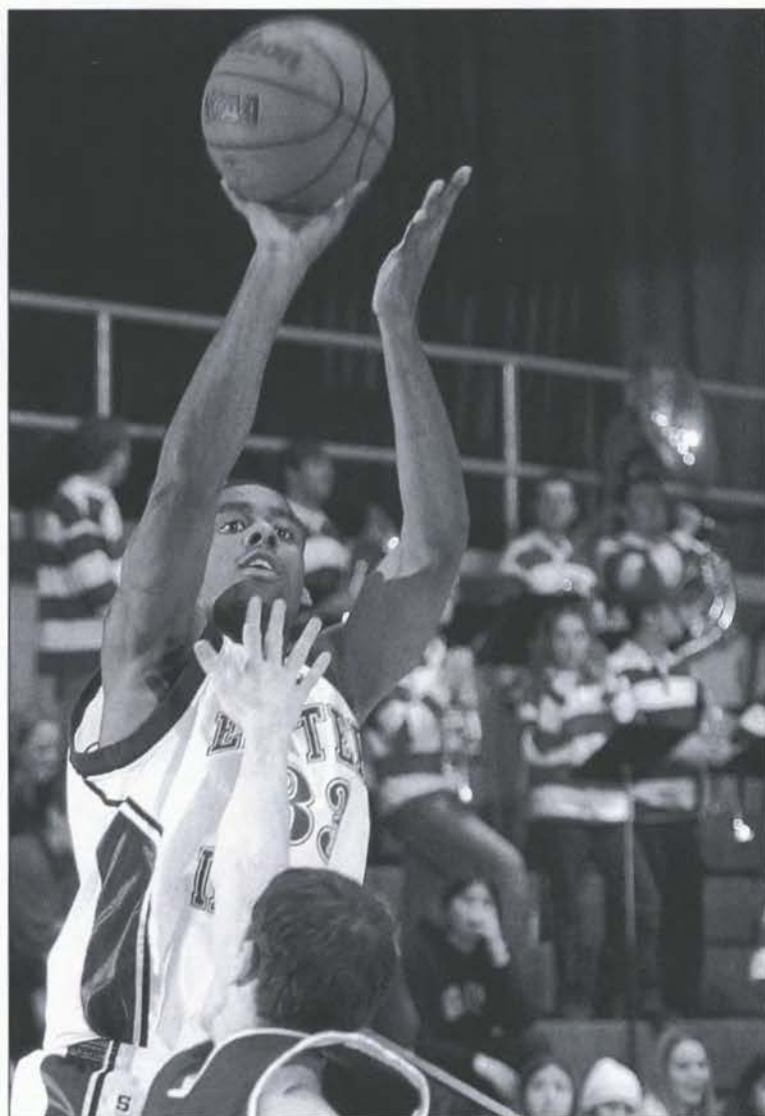
Photographs by Stephen Haas and Colin McAuliffe

In spite of their losing record, the Panther men's basketball team worked hard to please Eastern fans.



The men's basketball team started off the season slowly, losing their first four games. In December, they came back strong to win 80-57 against St. Francis, but they still lost 84-79 at Western Illinois, despite putting five players in double figure scoring. They lost their next game against the Ohio State Buckeyes, and lost a close game against the University of Iowa. The team broke their losing streak with a 93-75 nonconference victory over Illinois College. Josh Gomes scored a career high 26 points. EIU came back once again, winning its Ohio Valley Conference opener, 83-70, over Tennessee Tech. They lost their next eight games and finally won a thrilling victory over Tennessee-Martin in overtime, 83-79. Jesse Mackinson's career high 29 points led the hot shooting Panthers to their second straight victory, 89-85, at Southeast Missouri. The win also snapped a 12 game road losing streak and moved the Panthers (5-16-3-8) into a tie for 10th place in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers ended their season losing their final four games.

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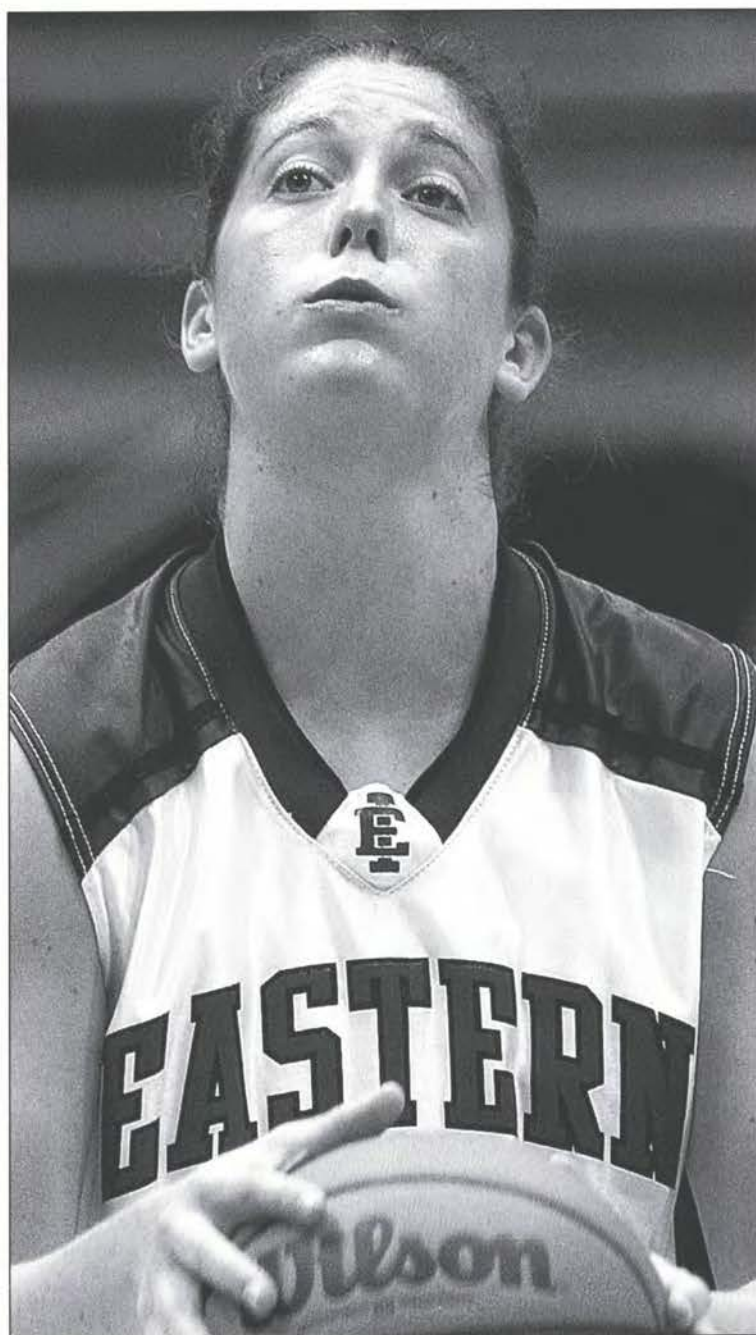


They got game

Women's basketball '04

The Panther women's basketball team started off strong, winning their home opener 126-36 against Indiana-Northwest. However, they lost their second game 65-50 at Illinois-Chicago, then losing against Loyola. Their next game against Loyola, Pam O'Connor recorded her ninth career double-double, leading EIU to an 84-70 win. Senior Lauren Dailey became the 16th player in EIU basketball history to score 1,000 career points in a game against Jacksonville. They Panthers followed that game with a 72-65 win at Savannah State. They lost 77-69 against Chicago State. After losing their next seven games, they took cruised to their first Ohio Valley Conference win, beating Tennessee State 79-49. They then handed APSU its first loss to an OVC team since the 2002 regular season finale. After six more losses and three wins, the Panthers finished off their season with two losses against Tennessee Tech and then Murray State.

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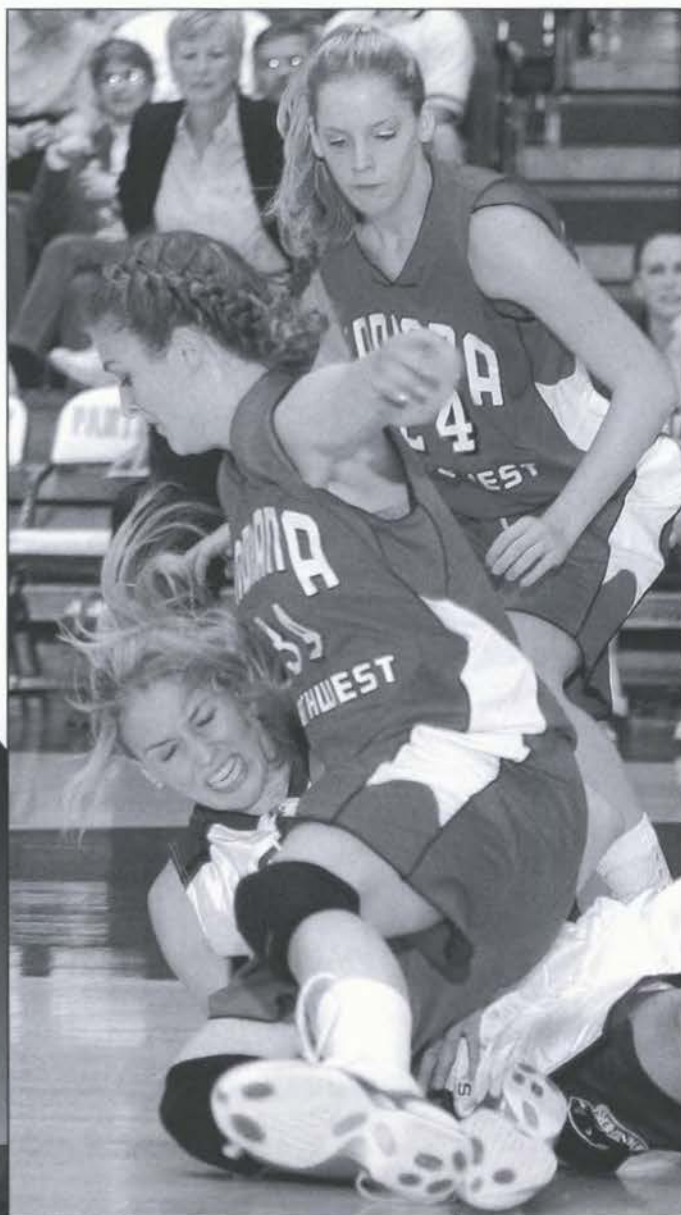


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Far left (opposite page), Lauren Dailey takes a shot in Lantz Arena.

Far right (opposite page), Pam O'Connor concentrates as she readies to shoot.

Above and below, Megan Sparks dribbles the ball down the court, keeping her opponents at bay.



PANTHERS GO THE DISTANCE



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Above, A member of the women's track team flies ahead of her opponents.

At right, track members practice to gain endurance and stay fit for future meets.





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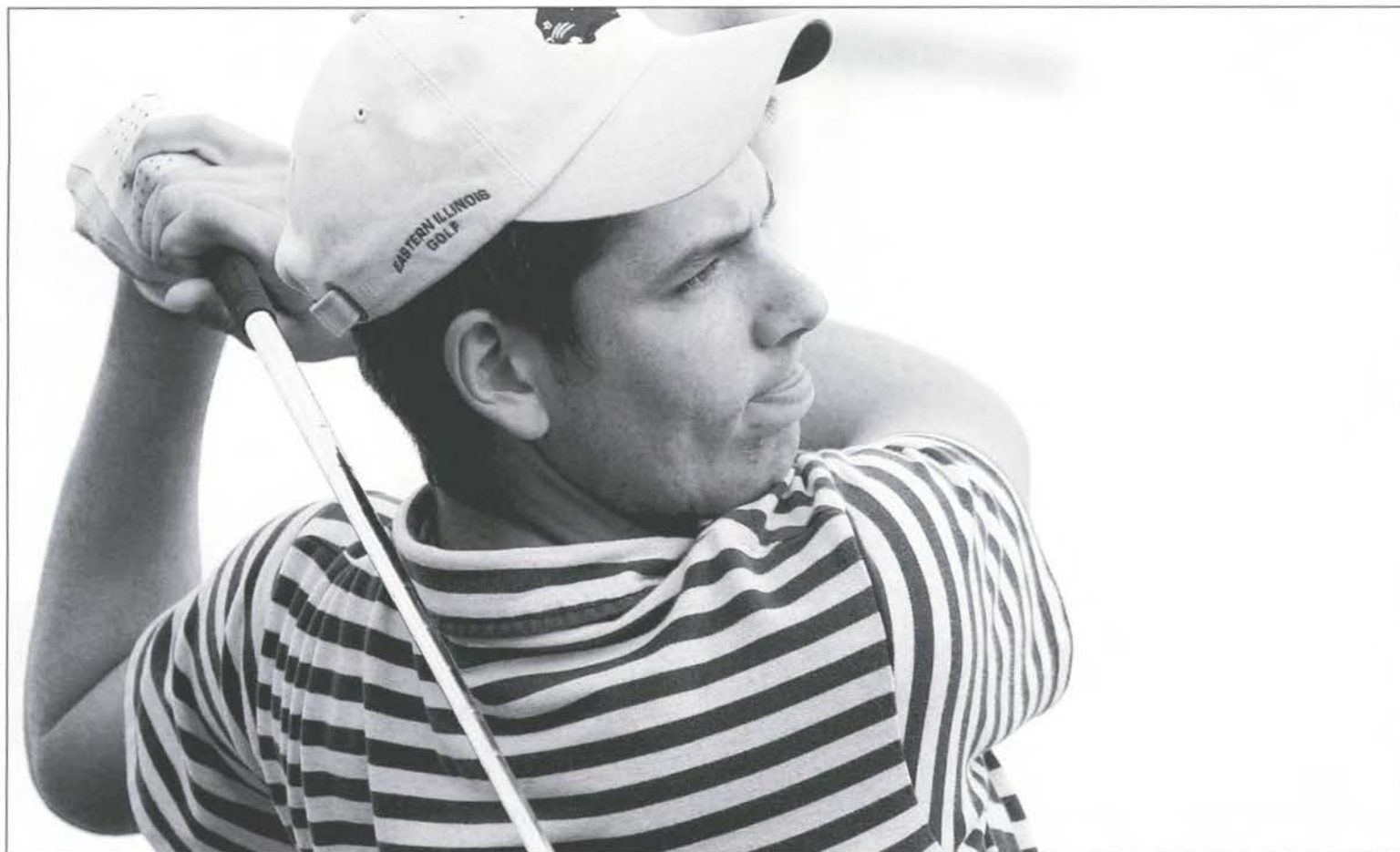
At left, A Panther track member stays focused on the road ahead.

Below, A member of the track team chases down her opponent.

It takes ENDURANCE



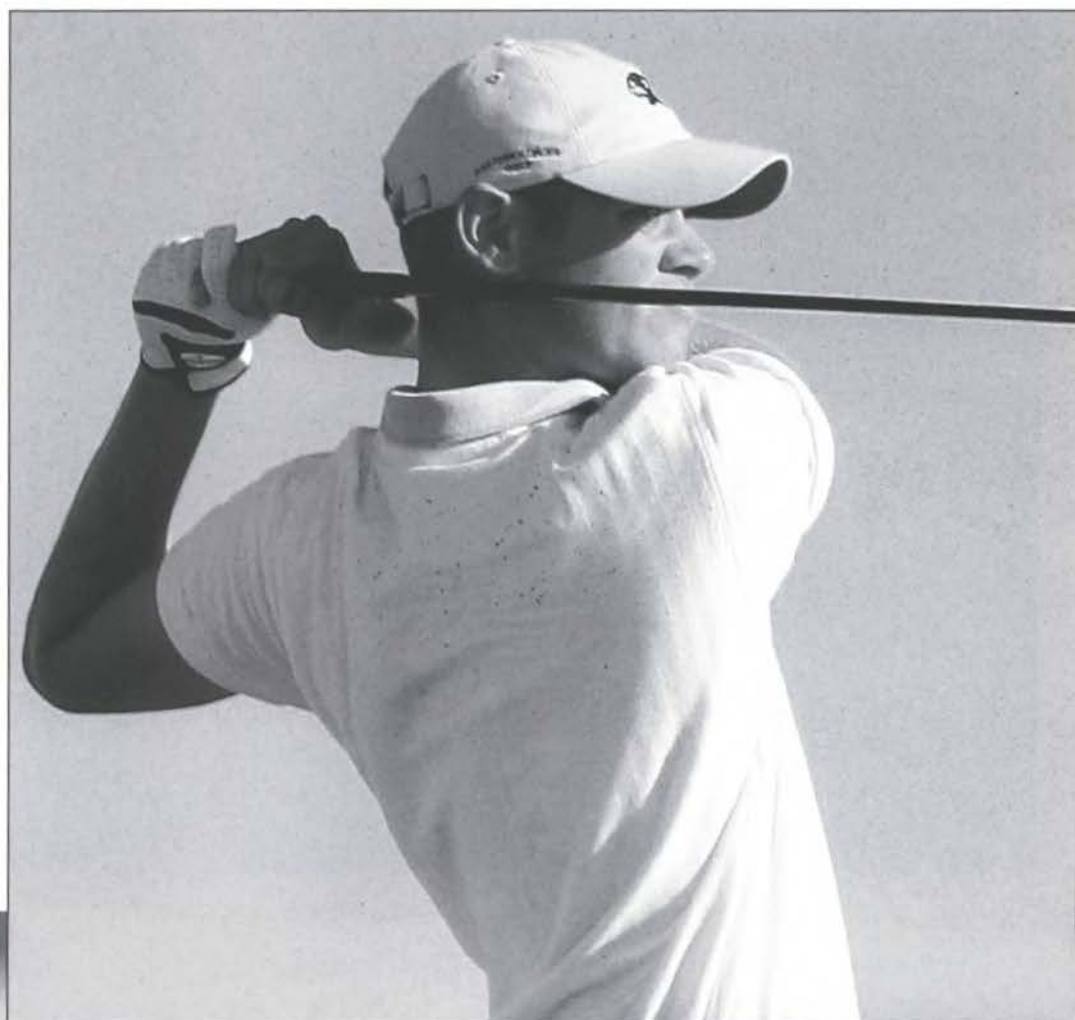
Swinging "FOUR"...

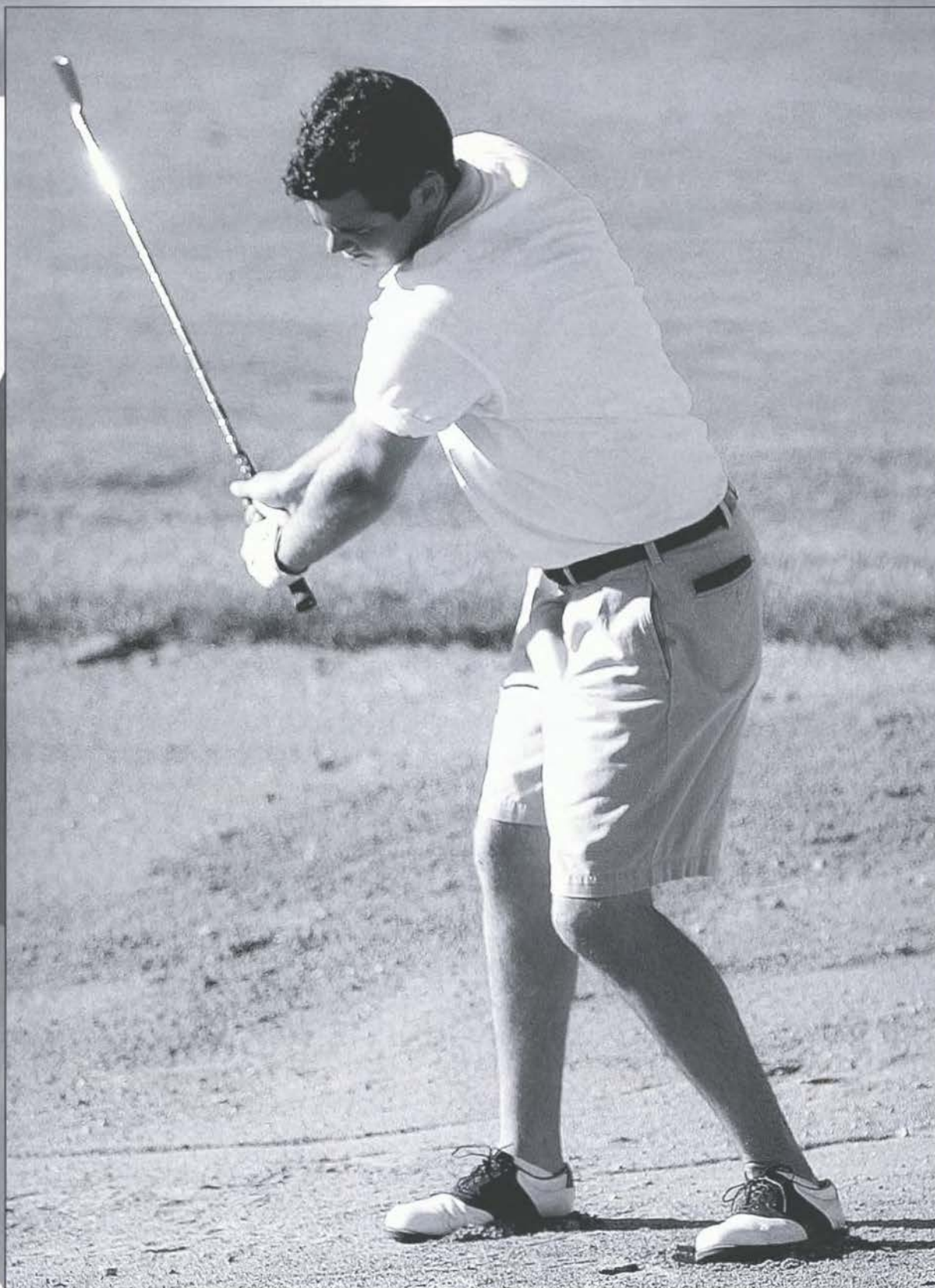


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Above and at right, Kyle Maxwell swings for a hole in one.

Opposite page, A Panther golfer, hoping to land on the green, takes a swing.





...a hole in one

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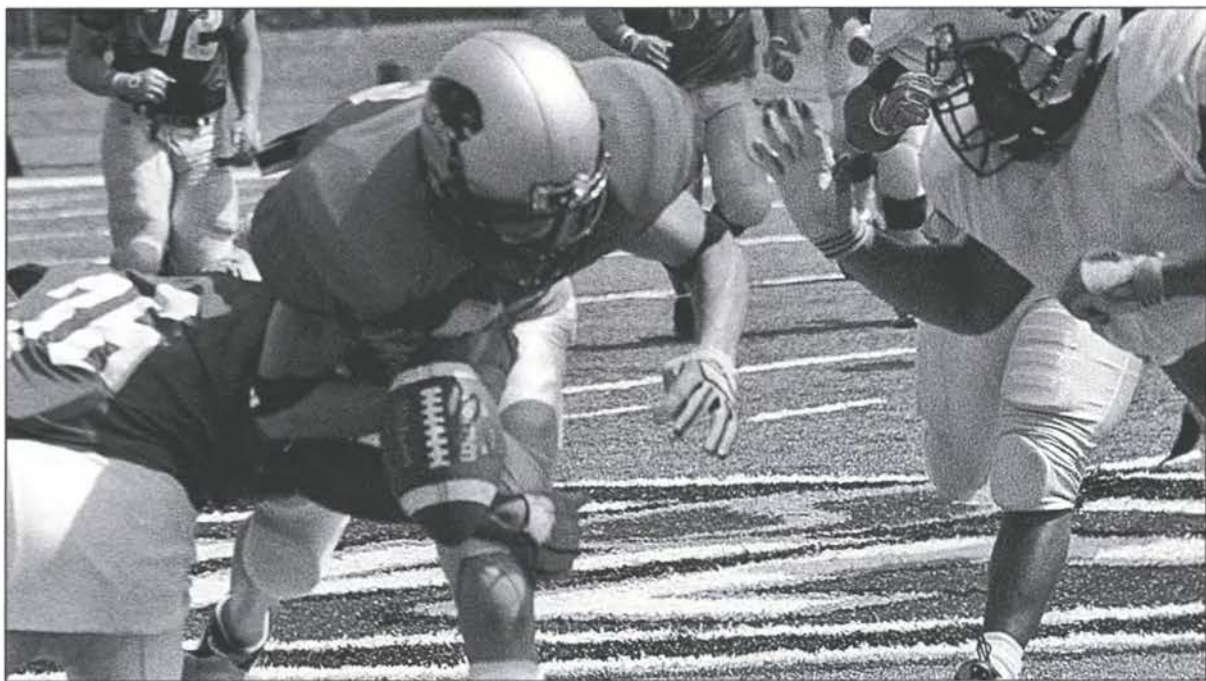


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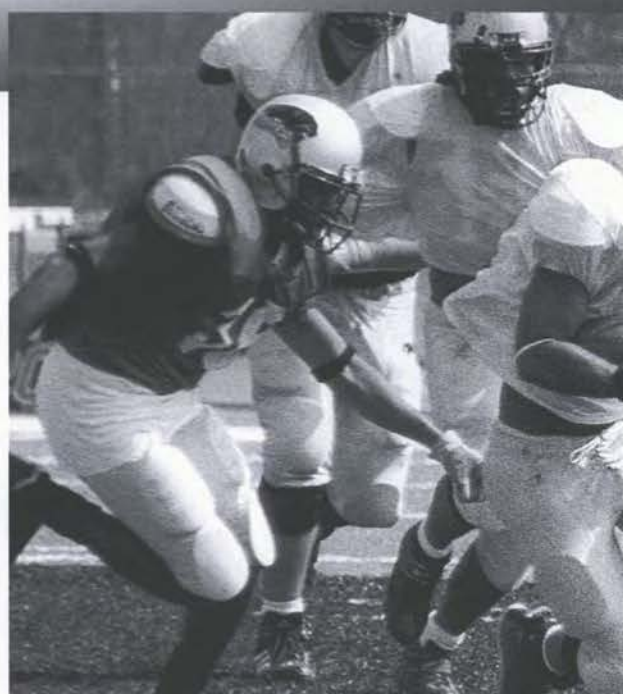
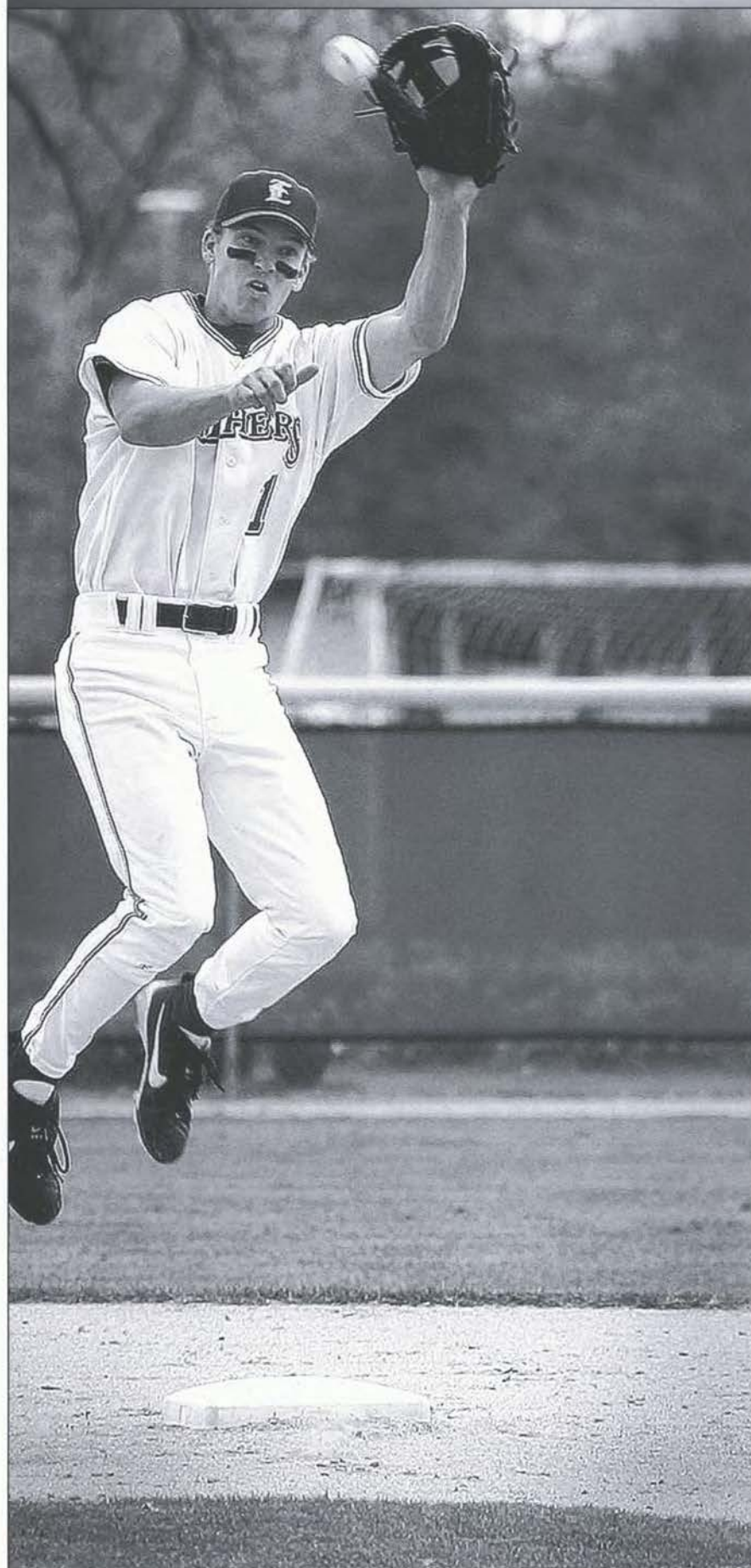
Above, Sophomore infielder Rachel Karos slides home against Morehead State on April 9.

Photograph by Josh Reeley

Right, Football players face off in an intra-squad game.



SPORTS VISIONS



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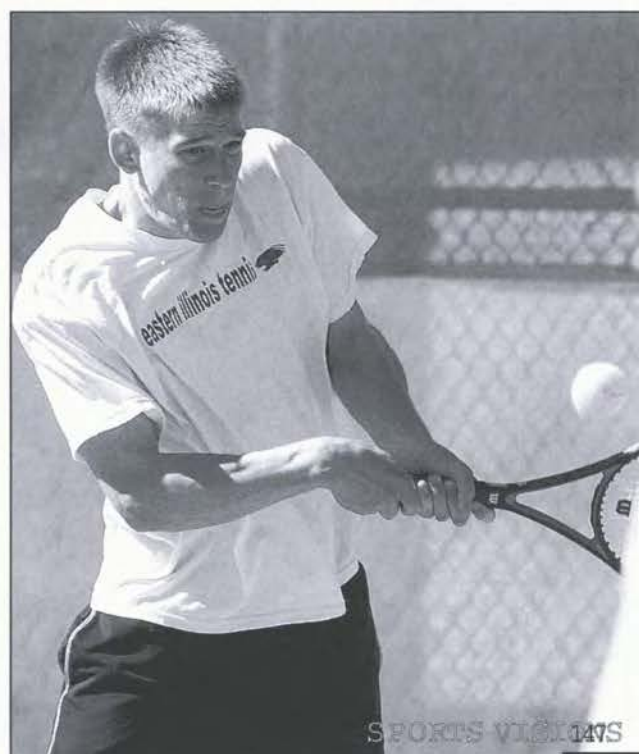
Left, Senior infielder Kyle Haines tries to handle a throw from the catcher on a steal attempt against Jacksonville State at University Coaches Stadium April 9.

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Above, Soon to be red-shirt sophomore Vincent Webb led the white team in rushing at O'Brien Stadium.

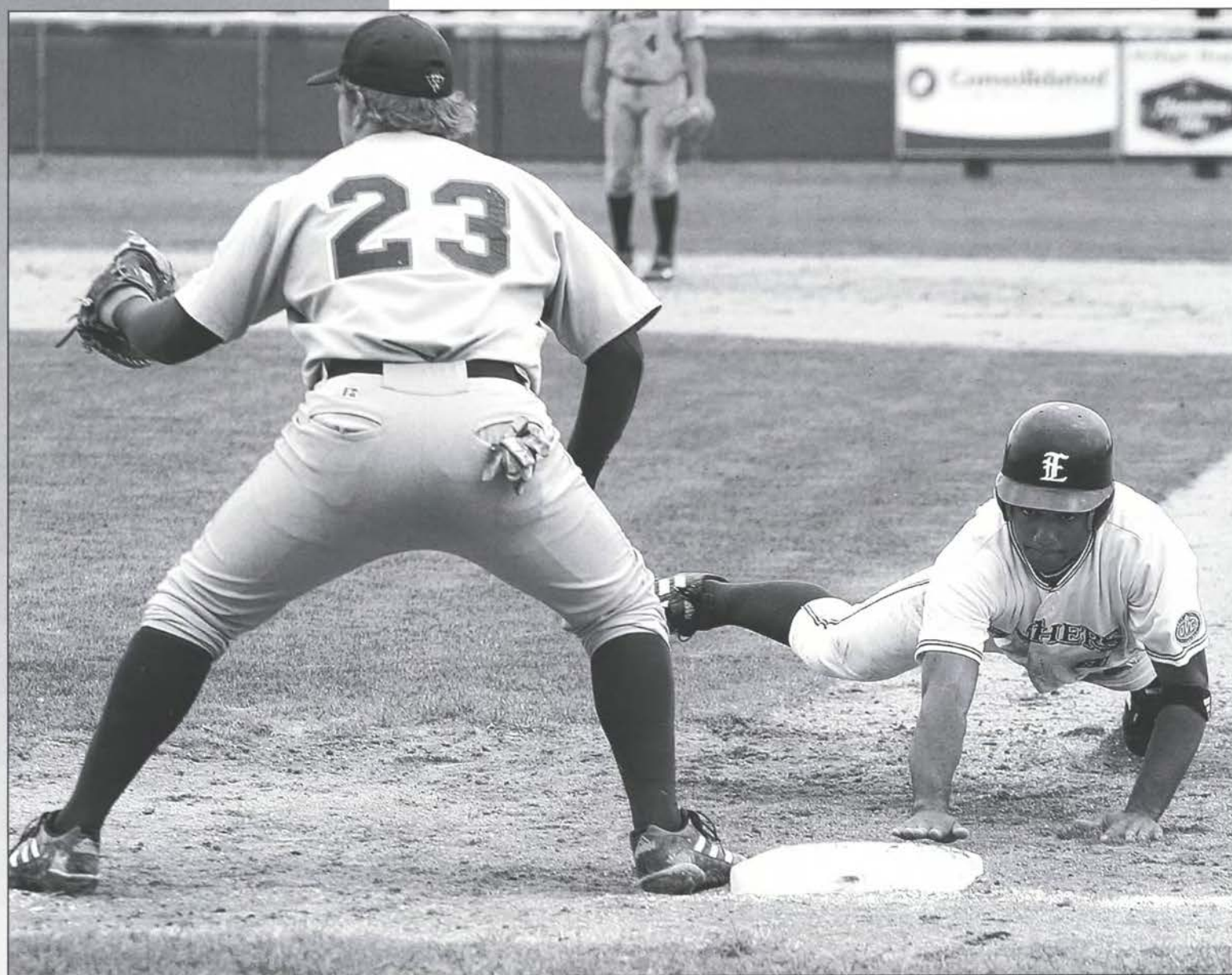
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Below, C.J. Weber works his backhand shot during an April 3 match versus Austin Peay defenders.



Sliding into Home...

Panther Baseball





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Opposite page, Marcus Jackson slides back into first base.

Above, Jeff Cammann gets his warm up tosses in before a game.

Left, Ryan Campbel throws to Kyle Widegren on a play during an Eastern home game.





SOFTBALL

THE OTHER TEAMS WERE TOO BUSY STARING AT THOSE PINSTripES





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(Opposite page)
Above left, a Panther pitcher
winds up for the throw.

Above right, a Panther softball
player swings for a home run.

Below, a Panther softball
baseman attempts to stop her
opponent from making it
around the field.

Left, a Panther softball player
works the pitcher's mound.

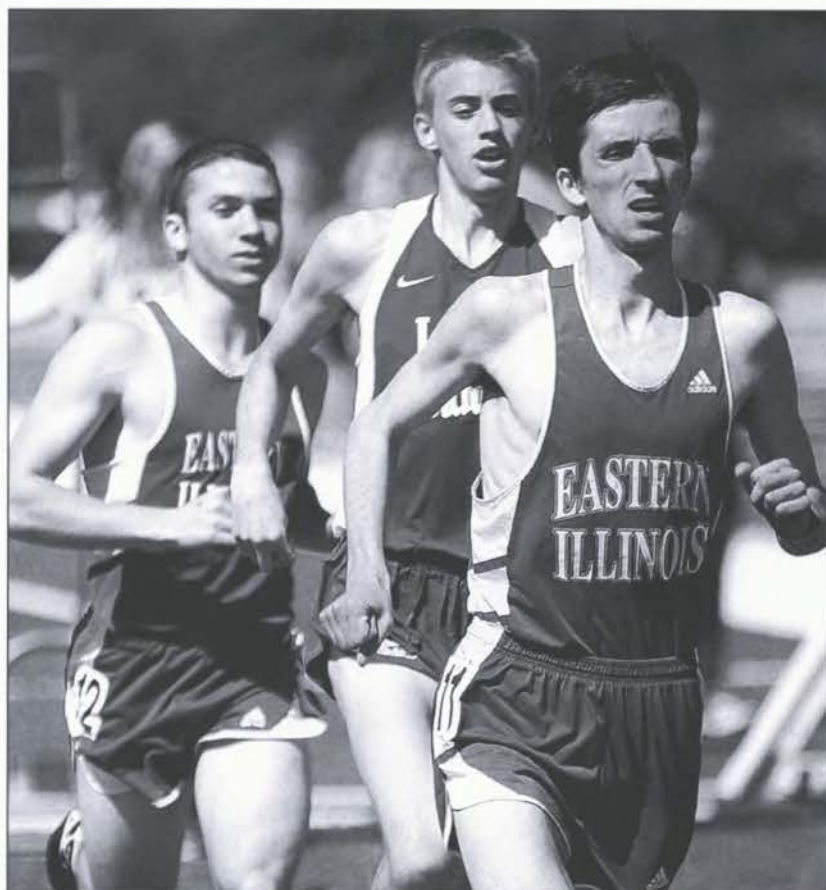
PANTHER MEN STAY ON TRACK



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Opposite page, at right and below, Packs of Eastern's men's track team tried to stay ahead of their competitors during both the indoor and outdoor track season.

...THE PANTHER STEADILY TRACKS DOWN ITS PREY



Outrunning the competition, leaving them in the dust



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Above, Women's track runners try to stay ahead of their Northern Illinois University competitors.



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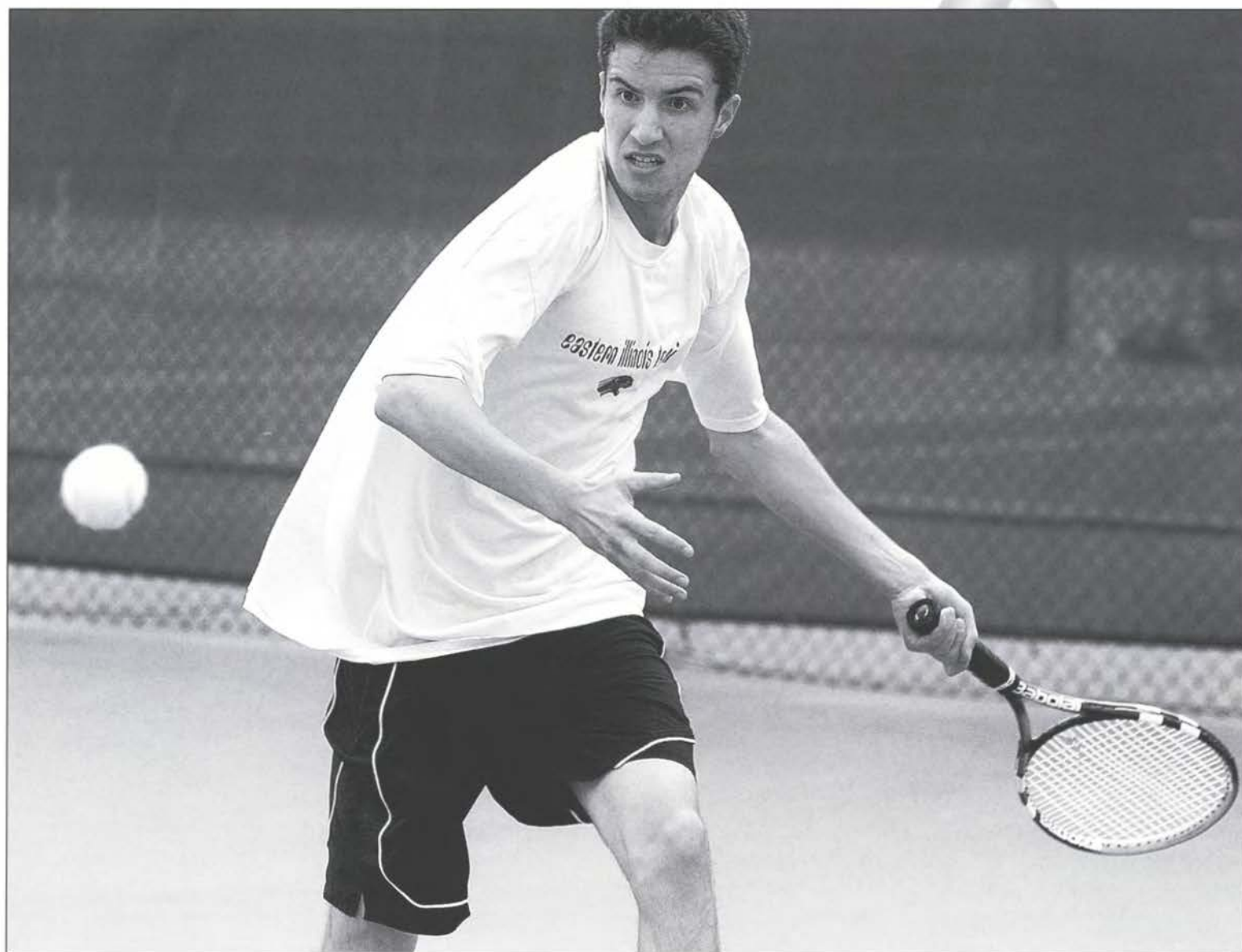
Above, A Panther track member sprints ahead of the pack.

Right, A Panther long jumper leaps into action.



“Swingers”

They may like volleys,
but this is not
volleyball...

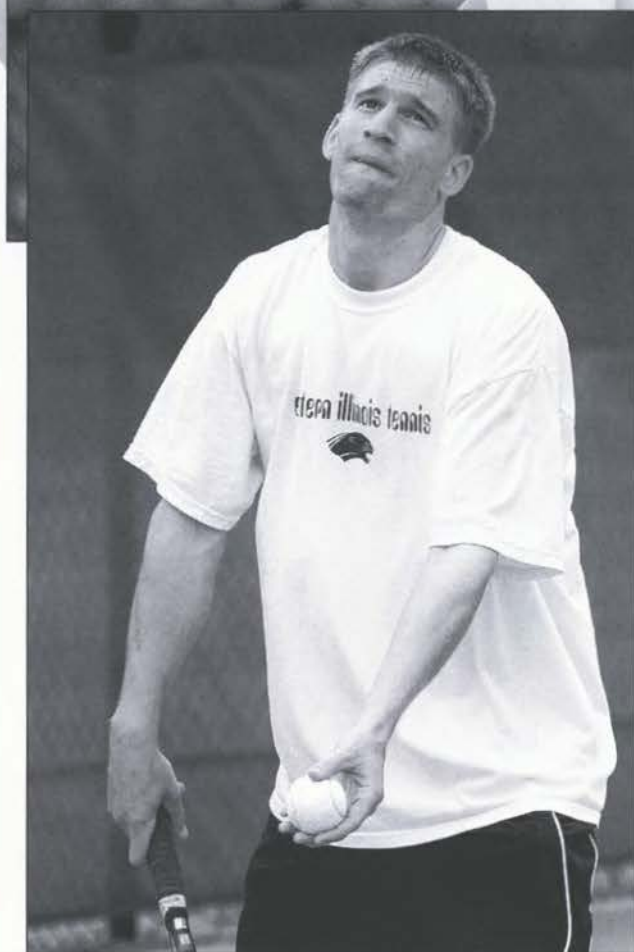
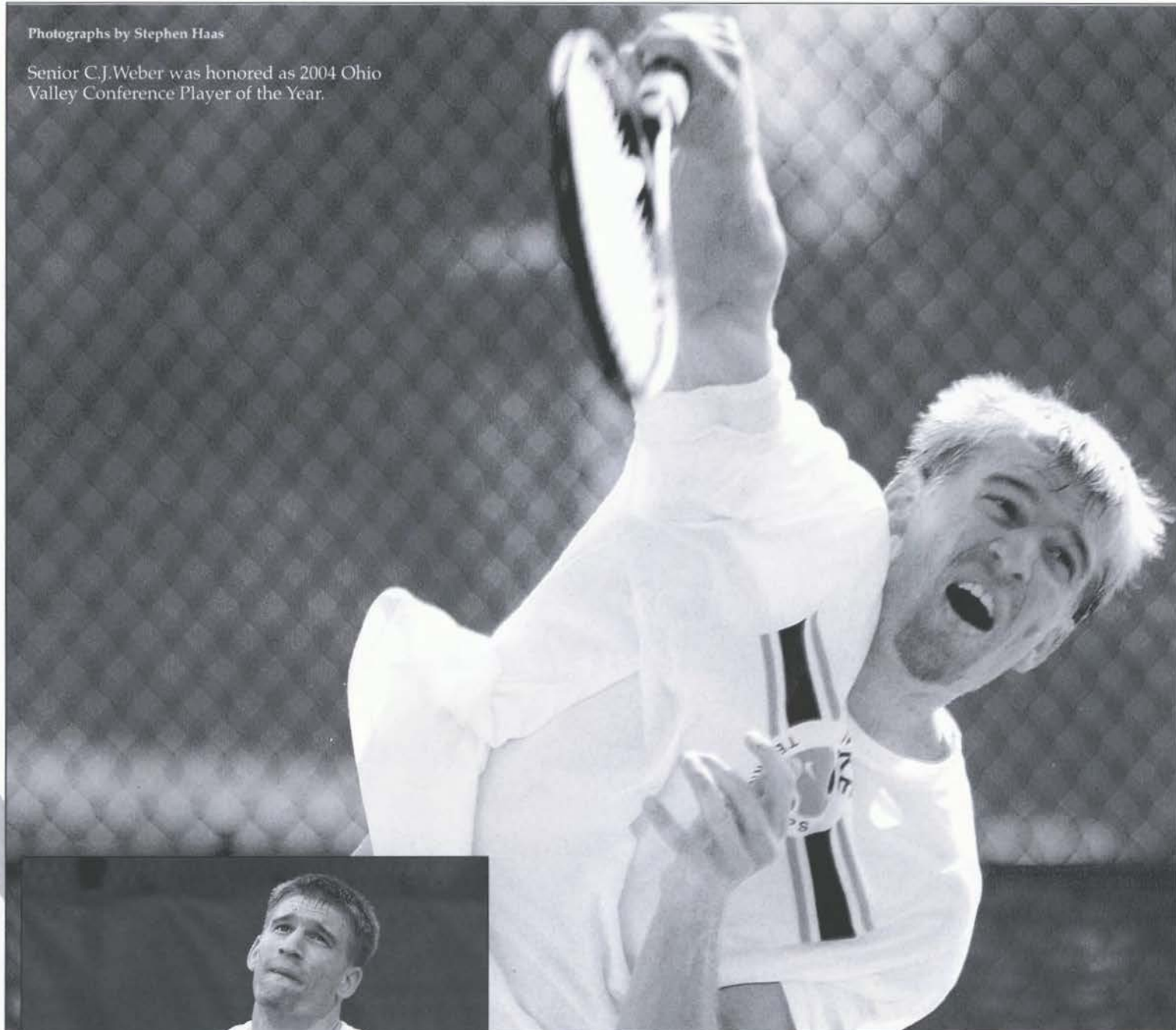


Photograph by Stephen Haas

A Panther tennis player focuses on the ball and sets up for a forehand.

Photographs by Stephen Haas

Senior C.J. Weber was honored as 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year.



At left, winding up for a serve, C.J. Weber visualizes his swing.

At right, a Panther tennis player dives for the ball.





Swingin' it & bringin' it

WOMEN'S TENNIS



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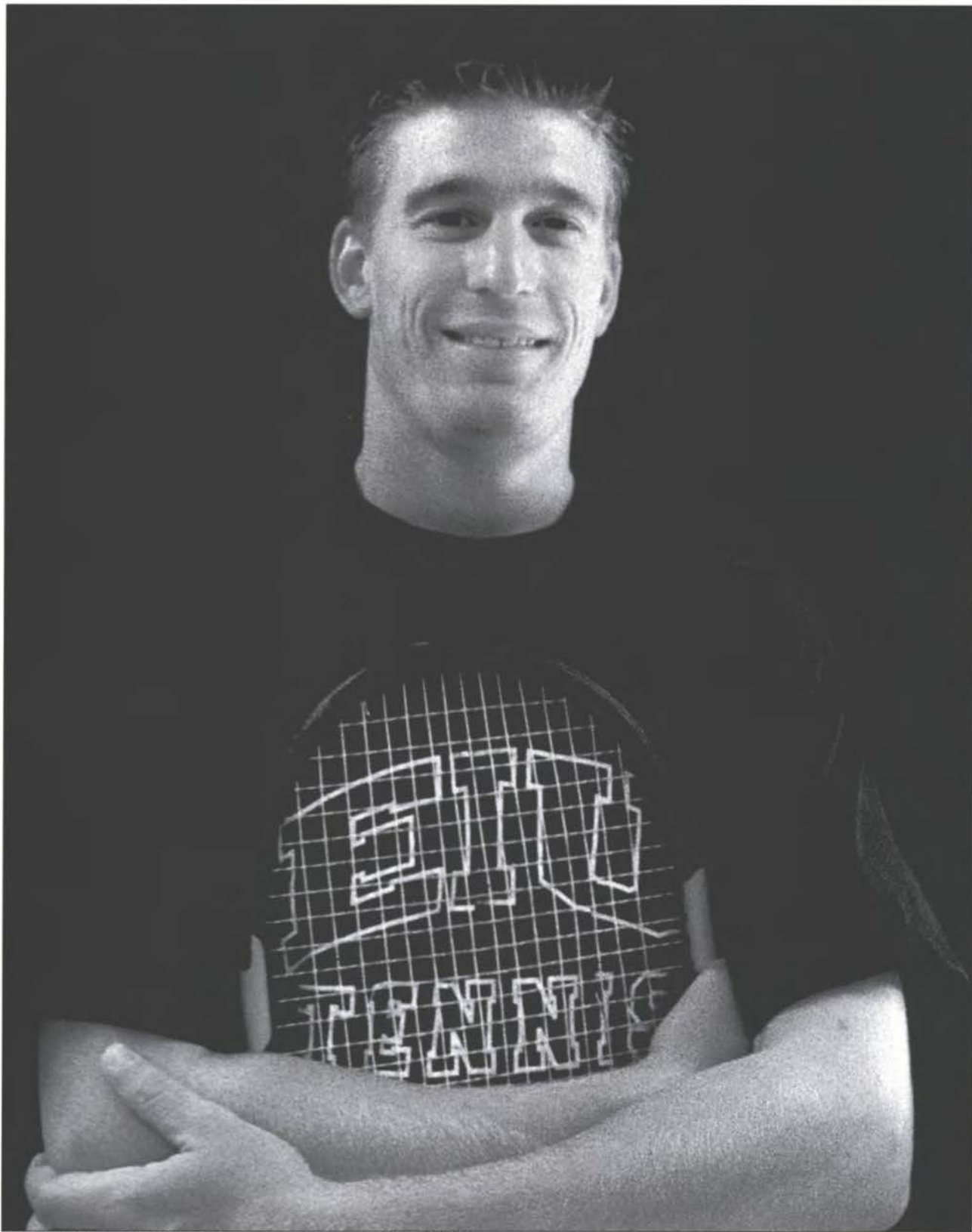
Opposite page, left, and below, Panther women's tennis players gave the competition their best swings all season.



Top Cat of the courts

Photograph by
Colin McAuliffe

C.J. Weber
teamed with
Brandon
Blankenbaker as
the No. 1
doubles team.
He finished off
his career at
Eastern with a
44-18 singles
record.



DEN MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

By Matthew Stevens

Courtesy of The Daily Eastern News

It's not everyday that a coach says he's better simply for being associated with his player on a daily basis.

"I can tell you that a lot of people could be like C.J. but I've never seen anything like it before out of a kid," Eastern coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

It may be because Weber was a big reason for the perception of the members of the tennis team being changed.

"To be honest, whether it's school, religion, parents or tennis, he's always had a strong moral position and that's why I love that kid because he's truly himself," Holzgrafe said. "I hate to say this but when I got to Eastern, there was a disease in this program related to accountability of the players. His influence and that pulse has affected every person on this team."

Even when he answers the phone with his, "na, na, na!", Weber exhibits his true personality, which his coach describes as a down-to-earth feel that is rare in college athletics.

"He's an average kid who is a total goofball and he's never really changed his personality since I've known him," Holzgrafe said.

The goofball in Weber is shown in no bigger way than on the team road trips which the senior and fellow teammate Brandon Blankenbaker assumed the roles of Panther pranksters.

"Always on the tennis trips we are horsing around and being stupid," Weber said. "Brandon is a phenomenal player and we've grown up together and it's cool I get to finish my eligibility with him."

Weber's tennis career began in what could be considered the most humble of beginnings.

The Teutopolis native started playing the game he now loves more than anything in a summer tennis camp with a broken racquetball racket.

"Not only did I not know the difference of a racquetball racket from a tennis racket but it was broken too," Weber said. "I played in this camp for an entire year with a broken string. The next year I found out that hey, I kinda like this stuff."

That kid in the summer camp ended his college career as the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year which is an honor he attributes to so many people other than himself.

"I couldn't have asked for much more out of my senior year," Weber said. "I'm so thankful for everyone on my team and my coaches for helping me along the way."

Two of those people helping him were his parents, who have been supportive of his tennis journey the whole way.

"I'm convinced that I have the greatest parents in the world," Weber said. "I could've given up on tennis a long time ago and they would've been totally fine with it. They really became the parents of the team at all the matches - home or away."

Holzgrafe believes that not all, but some of the qualities

Weber shows are from his parents.

"You are born with some of that, but he really feels unconditional love from mom and dad," Holzgrafe said. "His dad is a real (honest) guy who on good matches will tell him he played well and on bad matches ask him what went wrong."

During the recruiting process, Weber was nearly positive Eastern wasn't where he wanted to take his talent on the court. With the campus being 40 minutes away from home and nationally-ranked schools sending him letters, Weber had a difficult decision in front of him.

"When I was a senior in high school, I was almost 100 percent sure I wasn't coming to Eastern. I thought I might want to get away and experience another place," Weber said. "Western Michigan, Northern Illinois and Ball State were all contacting me and these are at least Top 75 programs."

To be named the best player in his conference is something Weber would consider the biggest achieved goal in his life. However, he didn't even pay attention to the award until his final year as a Panther.

"When I came to Eastern, winning that was something that I would consider a dream come true," Weber said. "I guess I was runner up last year and I didn't even realize it, but I figured if I were that close as a junior, I could do it as a senior."

Holzgrafe has been impressed with the overall sportsmanship and domination Weber has exhibited throughout the OVC in his matches.

"This is a guy who hugs players after matches in which he's just creamed a kid," Holzgrafe said. "He really never gets into the specifics of who he is playing and what this match means. To him, it's just a tennis match."

This humbleness has led his coach to tell him how important some of his career wins really were.

"I watched him beat the top amateur player in Australia and the top boy in Germany and I'm the one who has to tell him about it," Holzgrafe said. "This dude is representing the USA and he doesn't even know it."

Even though his college career is now over at Eastern, Weber stresses he will continue to be involved in tennis by accepting a position as a graduate assistant next season with the Panthers.

"I am looking forward to continuing my tennis career as a coach because nobody more than me realizes the impact of a coach. I could be a role model and mentor to another player," Weber said. "I love tennis, it's the reason I came to college and I want it to be part of my life forever."

No matter where Weber decides his life through tennis will take him, he's sure he will have success similar to what he experienced on the court.

"I'm a little disappointed that my college career is done but at this point whatever I do in this sport from now on is icing on the cake," Weber said. "I have no doubt great things will happen to me if I believe that they will happen."

At the top of her game

Photograph by
Stephen Haas

After four years at Eastern, Beth Liesen has just about every offensive category to her name. She scored a whopping 49 points in 2003.



DEN FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

By Aaron Seidlitz

Courtesy of The Daily Eastern News

She has been down this road before, that much is obvious. In fact, throughout her entire career at Eastern Beth Liesen has been successful like this and has always dealt with that success in the classiest and most professional manner.

The fact that she had just been informed of being named *The Daily Eastern News* female athlete of the year, for the second time in her four year career no less, didn't faze her.

She remained the same as always; gratitude and a fairly complacent manner came across as soon as she started talking about the achievement.

"That is great to hear," Liesen said in a plain voice. "It's always nice to be given awards like this, it shows that the work I've put has paid off."

But it isn't a big deal to her that she has won an award. Maybe that's because she is named something different just about every week as post season accolades are handed out. Liesen always seems to stay on the same emotional level no matter what the moment may present, and this is no exception.

The lack of surprise with which she greets this news could be considered cocky by those who haven't followed her throughout her time at Eastern.

But that would be an entirely wrong impression to get of the woman who has been the focal point of an Eastern team that has won Ohio Valley Conference tournament championships in three consecutive years.

Perhaps this reserved demeanor is why she has found as much success as she has over her time at Eastern. The cliché that athletes have big heads and even bigger egos, just isn't true for her.

Some people may call her reserved, others may call her shy and some may just call her quiet.

But all of that doesn't matter on the field, which is where she has cemented herself as one of the best women soccer players ever to step foot on Eastern's Lakeside Field.

Her coach, Steve Ballard, has been with her at Eastern since she started playing for the Panthers four years ago. Her personality suits him just fine. In fact, as her coach, he has come to appreciate the way she is very much. "It's safe to say that in her case actions speak louder than words," Ballard said. "She's always cherished her teammates, and that is what makes her such a good team player."

Not much else could be more important in a sport like soccer because to make an impact like Liesen has offensively, one has to be completely in tune with the rest of their team. It didn't take long for Liesen to make herself a key player for Eastern by netting 15 goals in her freshman season. After that, Ballard and the rest of the Panthers could count on her to be among the leaders in goals scored, assists and points in the OVC and even at the national level.

But in the unselfish way she has always conducted herself, Liesen can only credit her teammates and her coach before herself for putting up those kind of numbers.

"In a game like soccer, you have to depend on your

teammates to score," Liesen said. "I was lucky to have great players surround me all the time that I was here. That is the main reason I was able to put up the kind of numbers that I did."

But looking past the team aspect of soccer, her true talent shined year and year out. That includes talent in the classroom just as much as on the field.

This past season, she was named to all-academic teams in the OVC and in the district, proving that her work ethic relates to both on the field success and success as an early education major.

She finished this year with 20 goals and nine assists, and for a final year she is extremely happy with those numbers. Overall, she reached the goals she set for herself over the years she was here, and now seems just as ready to move on to what she needs to do after school and after college athletics.

Liesen understands the fact she won't be looking too hard for a future in soccer, but instead looks forward to even more time in the classroom as a teacher. But she also hopes some soccer is in her near future.

"I might play around on some traveling teams this summer and in the future," Liesen said. "But I'm going to be focusing on student teaching, and maybe somewhere down the line I will probably think about coaching."

From the way her younger teammates recall the time they spent with her on the team, that coaching career could be a definite opportunity because of the way she knows the game and relates to the players.

"She was always a leader for the team while I was there," freshmen midfielder Trisha Walter said. "The biggest thing I took away from her was just how hard we need to work. Her work ethic was what everyone could notice, it was obvious." All that work ethic led to was double digits in goals three out of the four years she at Eastern.

Only in her junior year did her numbers go down when she dropped from 18 goals to nine, but she did assist on three more goals in her junior year than she did in her sophomore year.

Those numbers, which resulted in All-OVC First Team honors every year, isn't what is important to her. Better than all those awards, Liesen remembers the good times on the field with her teammates much more fondly. What sticks out in her mind now was coming off the field after the Panthers lost their first round game in this year's NCAA Women's College Cup.

After losing to Missouri, Liesen wasn't crushed or deflated because of the loss. She was just simply grateful for the opportunity to play in that situation three years in a row.

"That last game I wasn't really disappointed because I just loved being there, playing in that kind of game," Liesen said. "We had plenty of chance to win that game, so I really don't feel that they beat us. The atmosphere we played in during those kind of games is just amazing."

Not many players can say their last moment walking off the field was everything they had wanted.

No regrets would be just about the one and only way to sum up Beth Liesen's career at Eastern.

PANTHERS PRETTY IN PINK

By Marcy Workman
Warbler Staff Writer

As 40 years approaches since the start of the Pink Panthers, you would think successfully completing another year would be a breeze. Wrong. As each new year begins, the Pink Panthers often have a new sponsor, new members, and above all, new problems.

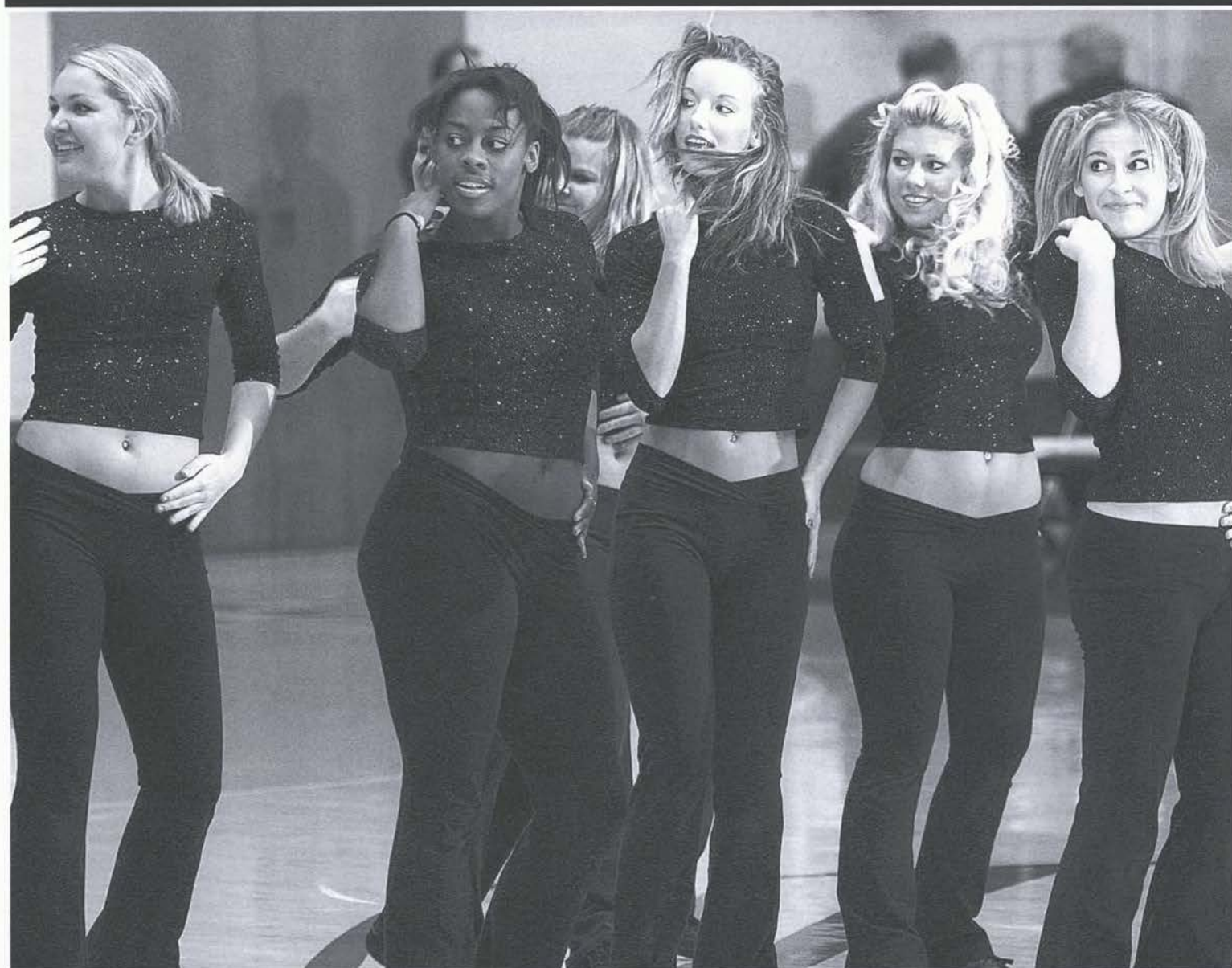
Approximately 50 girls tried out for the 13 spots available on the squad this year, but before the Pink Panthers knew it they were left without any captains and a squad of underclassmen. Captain Amanda Murphy quit after the first practice to graduate early, while Captain Miranda Wollever quit halfway through basketball season to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. Knowing that the loss of these older members meant a lot of hard work for the Pink Panthers, the girls all agreed that they got along better and bonded as a whole when this happened. "It was harder having a young squad, but we all pulled through," said Laura Phelps.

With time, a few of the sophomores did step up and become leaders for the squad. "It's really hard being a captain as a sophomore, but it is also really rewarding so I wouldn't change it," said Courtney McElwee on her position as part of the Pink Panthers.

Even before the Pink Panthers had changes within the squad they knew this year was going to be financially tough. The Pink Panthers start out every year with one of their biggest fundraisers, a car wash in the summer that helps pay for expenses like camp and outfits. They also ask sponsors to help support them throughout the year. This year in particular the girls had a hard time raising enough money for replacing new items, but everyone put in the extra effort so they could afford the new pants and poms that they needed.

So with many challenges to face, what brings these girls to the squad? That's easy, their love of dancing. The girls perform a variety of dances at the halftime of football and basketball games, as well as other university and community events. "It's good having everyone come from different backgrounds. Some of us are technical dancers, while others of us are pom and hip hop. It's good to have collaboration," said Ashlie Smith. The girls said that this was their first year to choreograph all their own

routines and cut their own music. The girls look forward to their annual Dad's Dance, where they incorporate their dads into one of their halftime routines and to the day camp that they put on for the young girls in the community. When asked about this year's favorite memory, they all agreed it was dancing in the rain to Michael Jackson at the homecoming game. Looking ahead to next year, the girls' main goal is to start competing. This is something that they are all very excited to get into. Two year Sponsor Debbie McKay thinks this will be great for the Pink Panthers, especially after the progress they have made through all their hard work this year. "The Pink Panthers represent a very talented, energetic group of girls to help support the basketball and football games and EIU. They deserve much credit for the time and dedication they put into Pink Panthers for the year," said Debbie McKay about her girls this year.



Photograph by Stephen Haas

The Pink Panthers strike a pose during one of the dance group's rigorous practice sessions. When asked about this year's favorite memory, they all agreed it was dancing in the rain to Michael Jackson at the homecoming game.

PINK PANTHERS

New Stands for the Fans

Softball field gets
state-of-the-art-
addition

Photograph by Stephen Haas

Below, a worker helps erect the new softball stands that were unveiled for the spring 2004 softball season.



NEW SOFTBALL STANDS

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Photograph by Stephen Haas

Above, a worker tediously aligns a beam, which served as a stronghold for the new softball stands.

The women's Panther softball team had the luxury of having brand new softball stands, which were installed during the summer of 2003. The spring 2004 season was the first time Panther fans were allotted the opportunity to enjoy the stands.

~ Courtesy of The Warbler Staff

Oh, When the Band Goes Marching In...



Photographs courtesy
of Director of Bands
Dennis Hayslett

Above, the EIU
Marching
Panthers create a
formation in
Lantz Arena
during a
rehearsal.
Marching band
practices are long
and hard, but fun,
say participants.



At left, the EIU
Marching Band
sousaphones
know they are
important to the
band.

Photographs courtesy of Director of Bands Dennis Hayslett

At right, a band member practices her tuba on a bright sunny fall day.

Below, a trio of tuba players practice in O'Brien Stadium in preparation for an upcoming half-time show. Also, a PMB member gives a thumbs up showing how much he enjoys the performing for band.



PMB!

PANTHER MARCHING
BAND

HONING THEIR TALENTS



PANTHER MARCHING BAND



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Above, PMB members relax during a break from practice in preparation for their next performance.

Below, PMB's tuba players strut their stuff during a practice at O'Brien Stadium.





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Above left, Dr. Dennis Hayslett directs the Wind Ensemble during a concert.

Above right, french hornists diligently play their parts during a Wind Ensemble practice.

Below, the EIU Wind Ensemble performs in McAfee gymnasium.

EIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble



SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE



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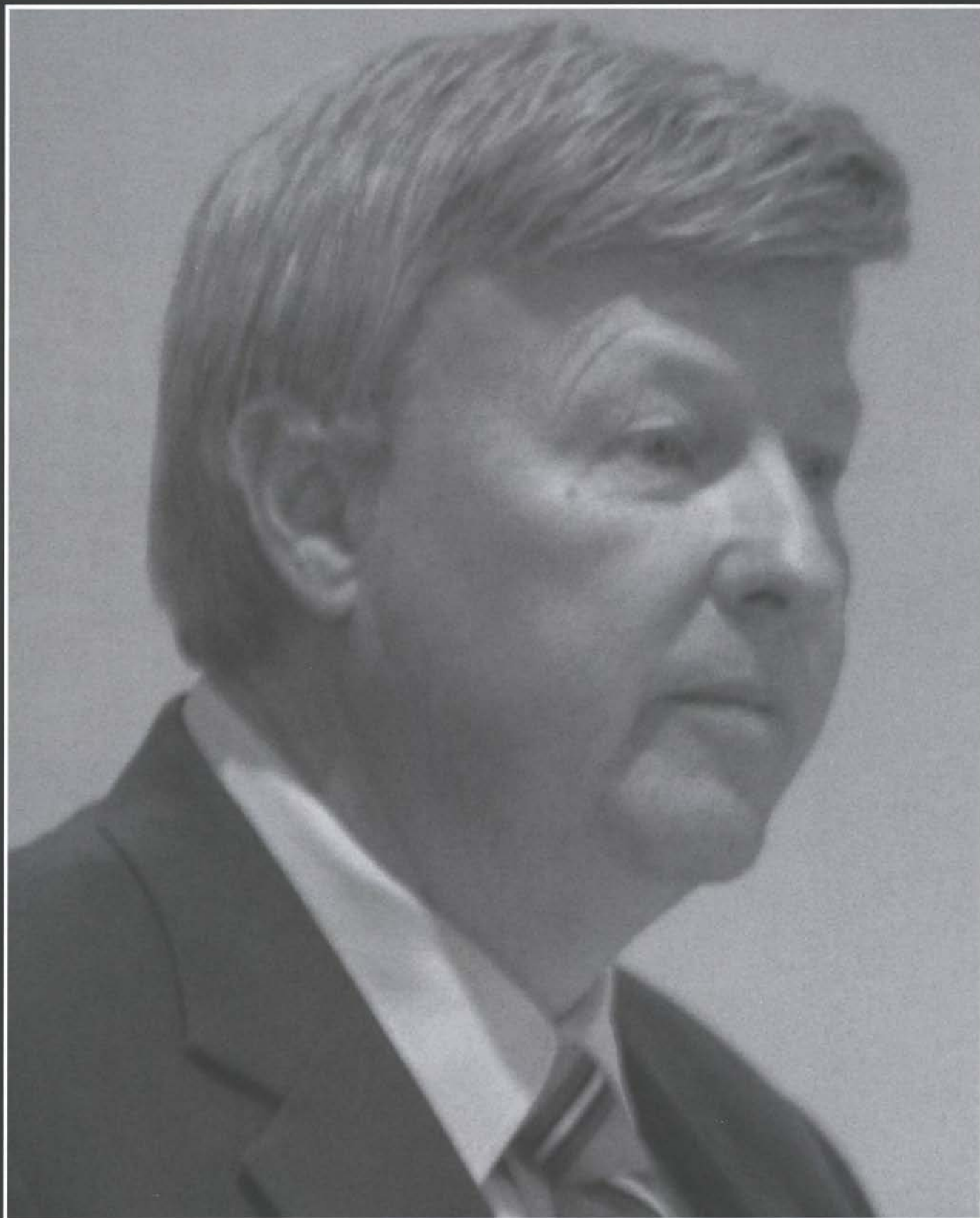
Eastern's Symphonic Wind Ensemble offers aspiring musicians the opportunity to hone their music skills. Flutists, percussionists and clarinet players are prime components of the ensemble.



SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE 173

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Your Warbler staff presents: Portraits of Eastern faculty members



Warbler 2004 Q & A Faculty :

- ◆ How have you seen Eastern change, progress and evolve over the years physically and how have those changes made Eastern a better institute?
- ◆ How have you seen the university change and expand in services in the past year?
- ◆ What are your expectations for Eastern in years to come?
- ◆ What do you predict about Eastern in five years from now?

Lou Hencken

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- ◆ I think physically, we continue to make improvements in the opening of the

human services building ... that is a major physical improvement to the students. I think the students are being well served by the new building. The addition to Tarble Arts Center is another physical improvement to the campus and this goes along with the addition of the library two years ago.”

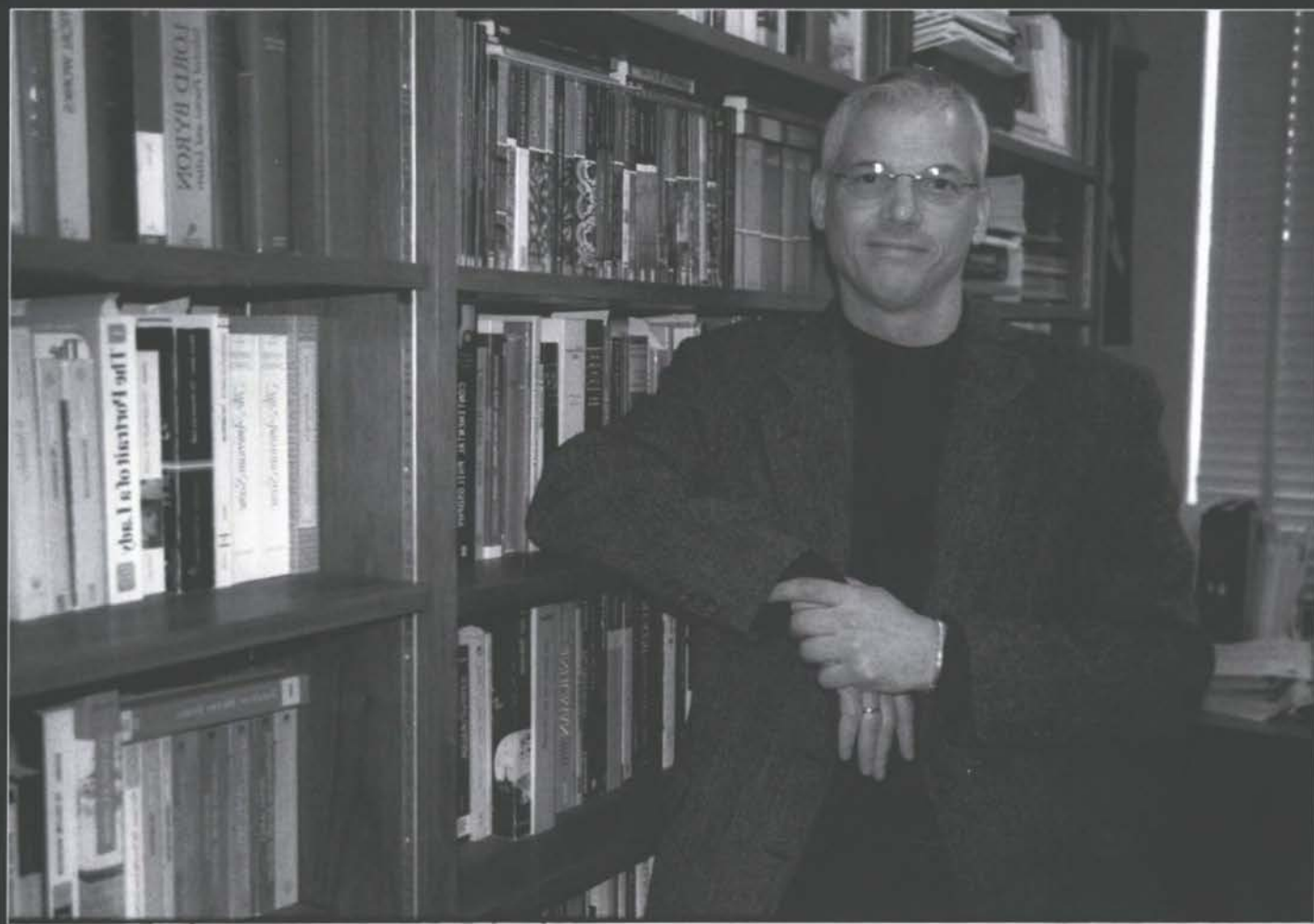
- ◆ “Number one is the increase of applications we have received have allowed us to increase our academic standards and the addition of Human Services we are able to provide more services for the students than we have in the past.” “And I think sometimes students don’t see going on now, the wiring system on campus. We have outdated wiring service and from time to time this year we’ve had some serious problems and we are going from building to building and when students return they will see speed and reliability of Eastern’s services.”

- ◆ “As a university president, you must always have high and lofty goals and I think what my expectations of Eastern are, Eastern will continue to be what it is which is popular with students. We probably turned down 3,000 applicants. I expect the university will continue to excel academically so students will continue to receive the very best education they can.”

“Probably the biggest change that we will receive in some time is the addition to the Fine Arts Center and the fact money was released during the Spring Semester... The fact money was released and by the time students return ... when it is open several years from now, it will be the students, faculty and staffs. It will be a beautiful facility and house of the departments of art, music and theatre arts.”

- ◆ (He said our budget was reduced almost \$11 million) “I expect those budget cuts would stop and the university would begin to get additional funds to reach the high academic goals we set for ourselves. I think five years from now we will be academically an even better institution than we are today and we are a great institution today.”

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR



Warbler 2004 Q & A Faculty :

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- ◆ How have you seen the university change and expand in services in the past year?
- ◆ What are your expectations for Eastern in years to come?
- ◆ What do you predict about Eastern in five years from now?

Dana Ringuette

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- ◆ I am very excited about Doudna getting underway. I am also

very happy about Tarble and the continuing support Tarble gets. I think we are ahead in technology and planning for the future.”

- ◆ “As far as technology, that has gotten better, that is a physical thing, I believe has gotten good. We continue to do a lot with the little we got. Despite the fact we’ve been receiving cuts for the past years, we’ve responded really well as a university.”

- ◆ “We’ll continue to do what we do really well, which is teaching, maintaining contact with the students and receive increased support for that from the state.”

- ◆ “I predict that our enrollment will be stabilized ..., graduate programs will continue to get stronger and more recognized.”

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS



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Shirley A. Stewart

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- ◆ In my 16 years at Eastern, there have been a number of

improvements including the Student Recreation Center, improved Athletic fields, new tennis courts, new Human Services Building, new food court, new Panther Pantry, new Java B&B, renovated Booth Library and Tarble Arts Center.

In the University Union, the following renovations have occurred: new food court, new Java B&B, new Panther Pantry, renovated Bookstore, renovated the Bowling/Billiards area, added a Hair Salon, renovated Copy Express, renovated business offices, renovated all third floor meeting rooms, renovated bathrooms in east building of the Union, renovated the Vending Study Lounge, renovated the Grand Ballroom and University Ballroom and 1895 Room and Bridge Lounge, and currently are renovating the Student Activity Center. There have also been many renovations with

the Rec. Center, University Police Department, and Housing facilities.

All of these physical improvements to our campus enhance the educational experience for our students and help assist in the recruiting efforts.

New students are attracted to college campuses that have a current up-to-date look including current equipment and computers for the classroom.

- ◆ All of the departments within Student Affairs look for new services to offer to students every year. You can check with each Student Affairs director to ascertain the new services offered. Overall in Student Affairs, we have collectively worked hard this past year to improve the Student Affairs website and how the Student Affairs departments link to the Student Affairs homepage. We have been working on developing a connected collaborative look to our Student Affairs webpages.

- ◆ I would expect EIU to continue to be a premier educational institution. I see our reputation continuing to grow. Since we are continuing to improve our facilities and hire quality faculty, students will continue to enroll in record numbers. I would continue to see some growth and, hopefully, one day see a parking garage located on the perimeter of campus. I also hope that the funding from the state increases to help deflect the high cost of tuition that our students are assessed.”

MANAGER OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

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Stephen Shrake

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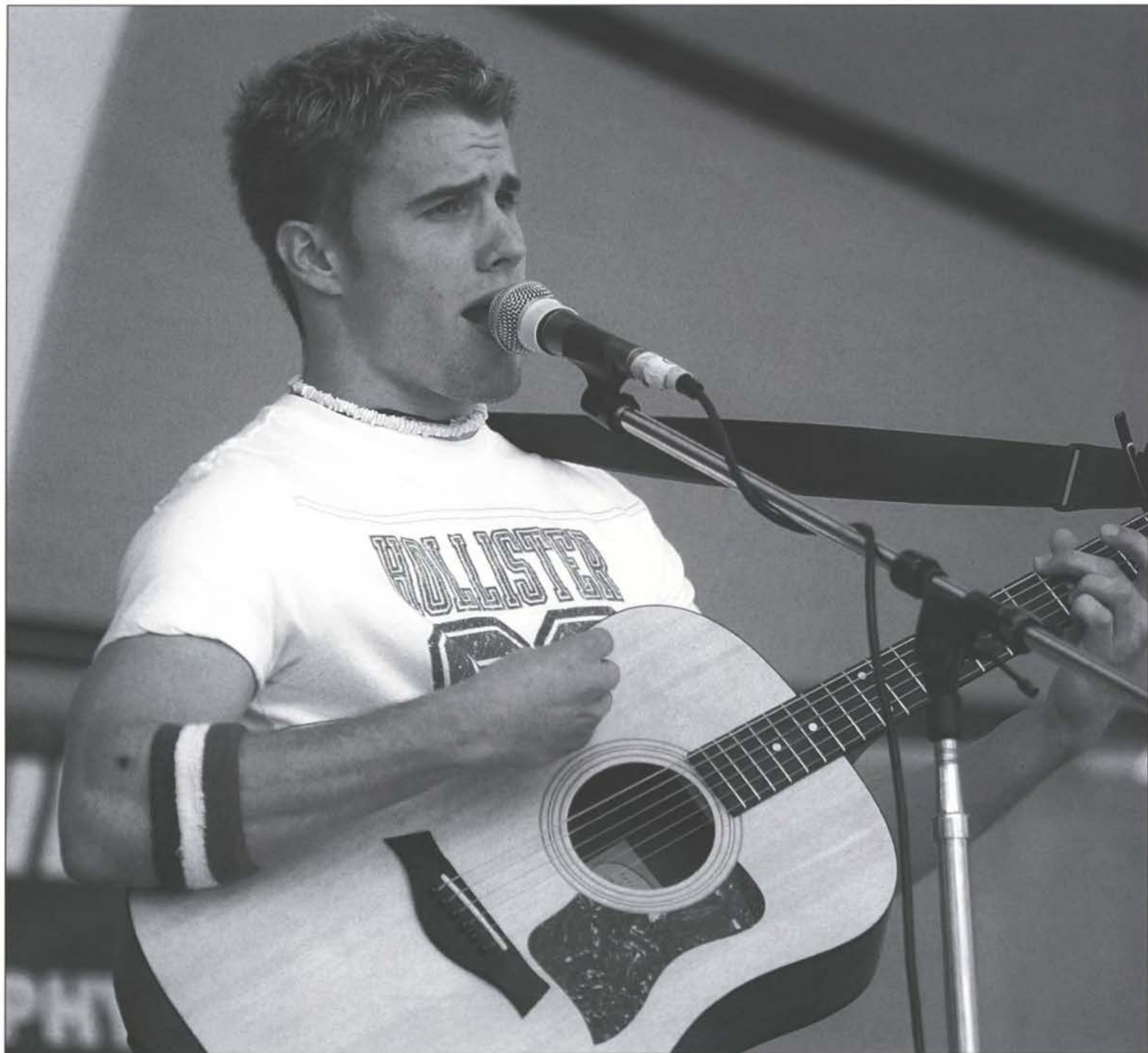
◆ “In the 9.5 years that I have been at EIU; Buzzard Hall has been renovated, two

Greek Court buildings have been added, Booth Library has been renovated and expanded, a Master Plan for the University was completed, a new Human Service building has been constructed, an addition to Tarble Arts will be complete within the next few weeks, major renovations have occurred in the Union Food Court and Ball Rooms, and significant improvements to building accessibility has been completed through three ADA projects. All of the residence halls received data network infrastructure a few years ago and the academic and administrative buildings are currently receiving upgrades.”

◆ “The biggest improvement that I have seen is in the communications area. E-mail has about taken over for routine communications for both on and off campus. I get drawings e-mailed to me by architects and engineers. That wasn’t even imaginable when I started here.”

◆ “Hopefully we will see a new science building in the next decade. Other than that I think continued upgrading of our existing buildings will continue in the foreseeable future.”

CELEBRATION TIME!



Photograph by Stephen Haas

Mike Stagliano, guitarist and vocalist for the band Mourning Eve, plays a song Sunday afternoon during Celebration on the Library Quad. Mourning Eve is from Illinois State University.

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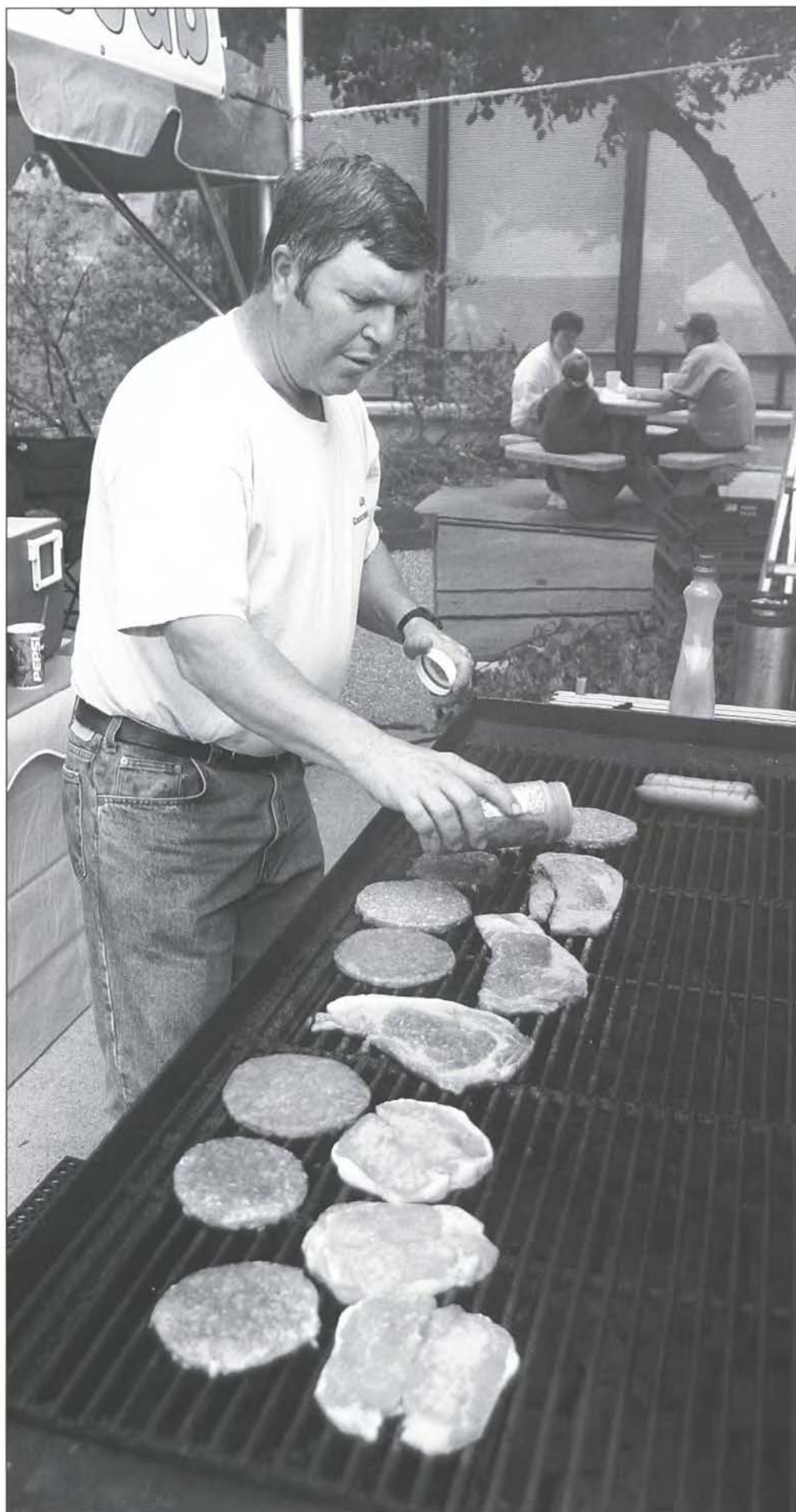
At right, Delilah Davis, of Charleston, makes a glass marble for a customer Sunday afternoon at the booth for her business, Inside the Rainbow, during Celebration on the Library Quad. Davis was set up with a fellow glass artist, Cliff Thomas.



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Below, Dannie Zhang (left), 3, and Kelsey Smitley, 5, paint on a section of the children's mural at the Children's Art Activities area of Celebration Sunday afternoon on the Library Quad. The Children's area was sponsored by the Tarble Arts Center.





Did someone say burgers?

Eastern's 27th
annual Celebration
boasted vendors of all
kind from various areas

Photograph by Stephen Haas

Greg Lilly, of Lilly Concessions, seasons a
batch of burgers and porkchops Sunday
afternoon at Celebration on the Library Quad.



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A mother and daughter stop to look at hemp jewelry Sunday afternoon at Celebration.



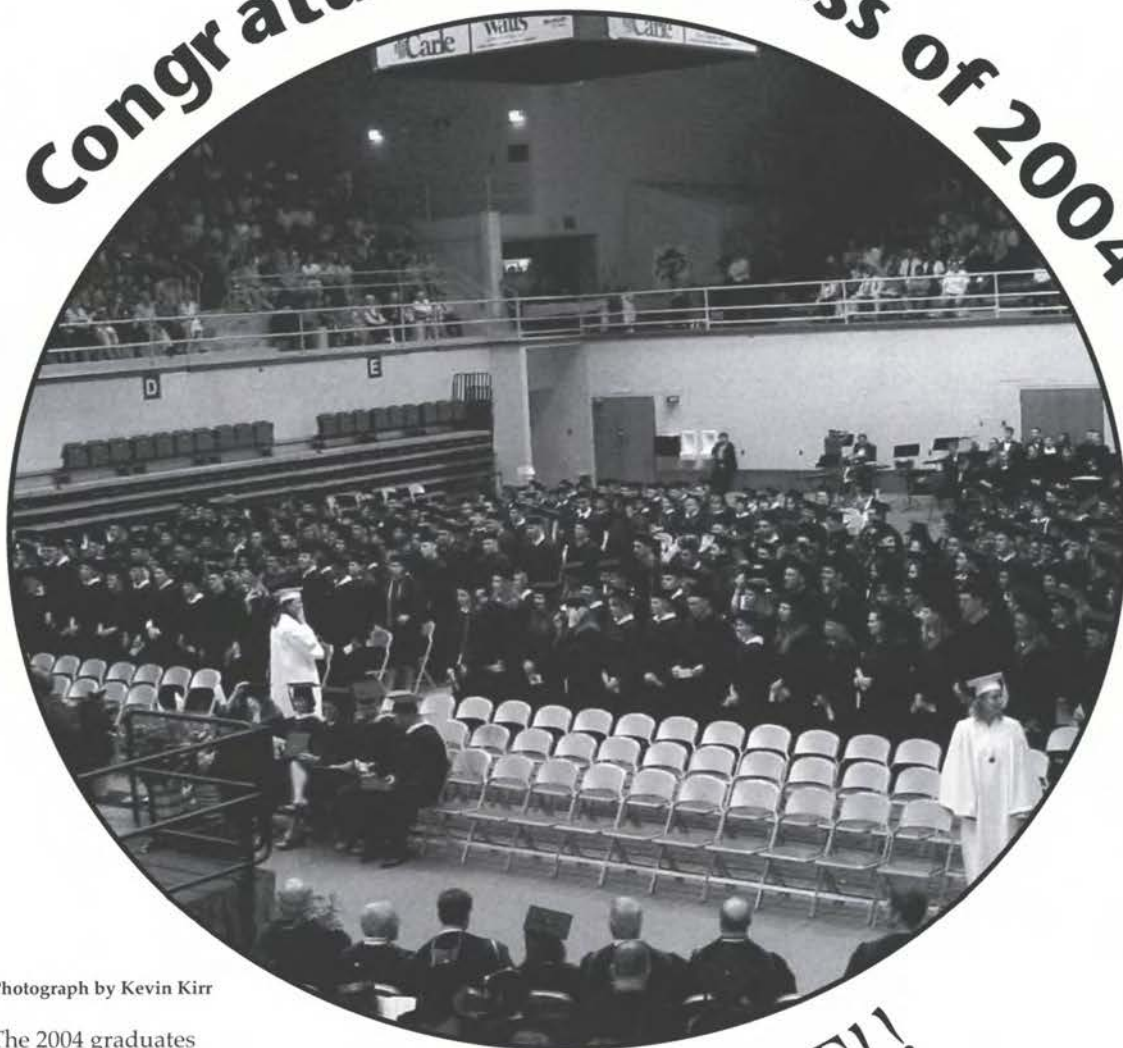
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Josh Klingler, 6, of Charleston, swings a hammer Sunday afternoon to hit the truck set up as a fundraiser for EIU bands at Celebration. People were able to buy hits, or pay more for a time period.

Seniors say

farewell to Eastern

Congratulations Class of 2004



Photograph by Kevin Kirr

The 2004 graduates of the College of Arts and Humanities stand in anticipation to receive their hard-earned diplomas from Eastern.

YOU DID IT!!



Photographs by Carol Kirt

At left, Hencken delivers his commencement speech during the College of Arts and Humanities's commencement ceremony May 8.

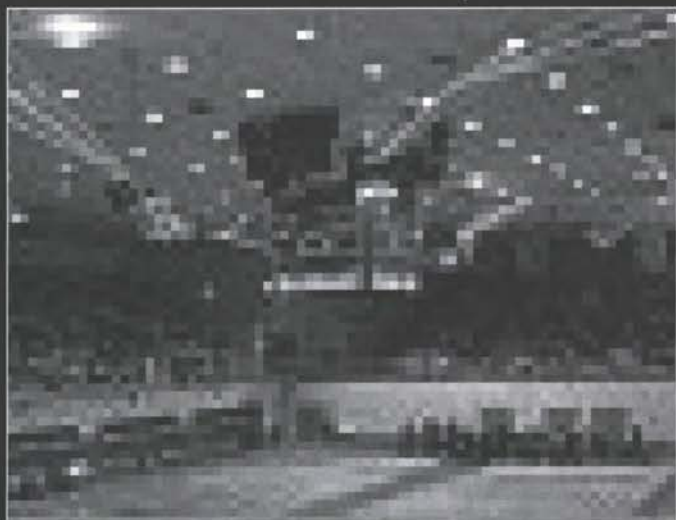
Below, Eastern's ROTC honor guards salute the flag and lead friends and family in The Star Spangled Banner.

Far below, graduate students receive accolades as they enter the stage.

President Lou Hencken emphasized the importance of students "treating each person how they would want to be treated" during his commencement speech. He also reiterated how important it was for each student to find his or her niche in the world and make it a better place to live, make a difference in others' lives. We don't think he could have stated it any more candidly than he did. Graduates now have come to a point in their lives where they have to stake out their place, craft their visions and then breathe life into them. And Eastern Illinois University has prepared them to do that. So go out seniors, and make your alma mater proud! Your Warbler 2004 staff congratulates and wishes you nothing but the best!

~ Courtesy of the Warbler Staff



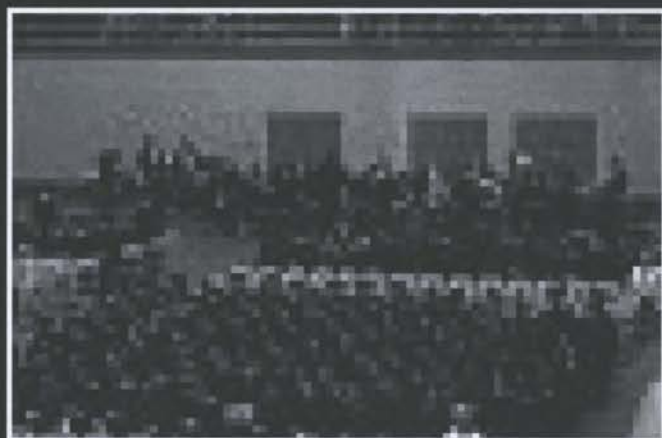


Bidding adieu ...





the hardest thing to do



Photographs by Carol and Kevin Kirr

Graduates at the College of Arts and Humanities commencement ceremony prepare to receive their diplomas May 8 in Lantz Arena. The event drew, as one would expect, hundreds of parents.

BRINGING VISIONS TO FRUITION

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DR. DANIEL E. THORNBURGH CHAPTER OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Front row from left, Kari Natale, PRSSA National Liaison; Julie Johnston, PRSSA treasurer; Genevieve Cyrs, PRSSA member; and Terri Johnson, APR, PRSSA co-adviser. Second row, from left, Dr. Brian Sowa, PRSSA co-adviser; Jennifer Stoops, PRSSA publicity chair; Matt Pollett, PRSSA Vice President; Ryan Felkamp, PRSSA President; and Katie Benjamin, PRSSA member. Other board members not present for the photo were Kyle Shepley, PRSSA secretary; Steve Larrick, PRSSA Web master; and Dr. Christine Helsel, APR, PRSSA co-adviser.

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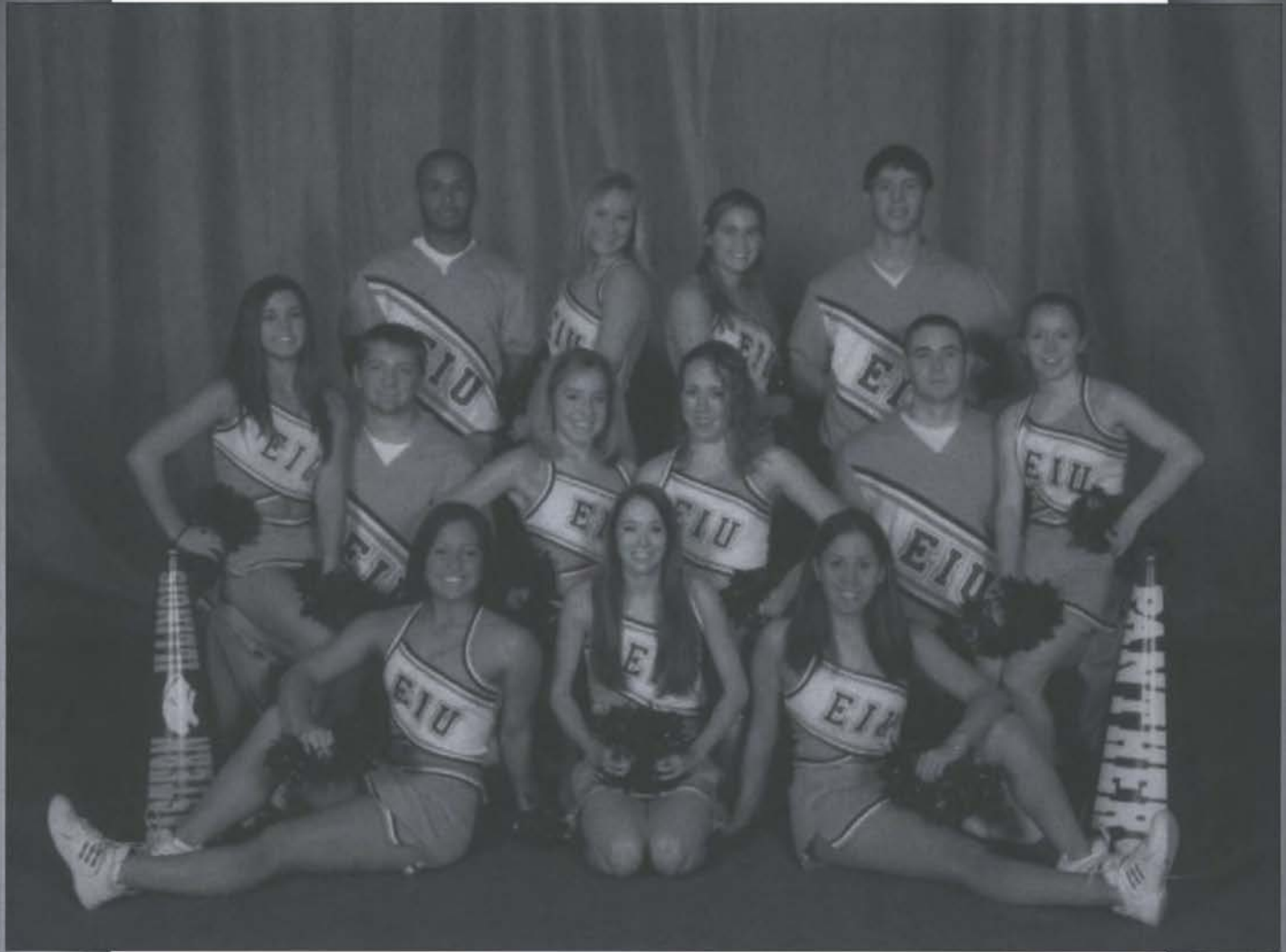
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BLUE CHEER TEAM



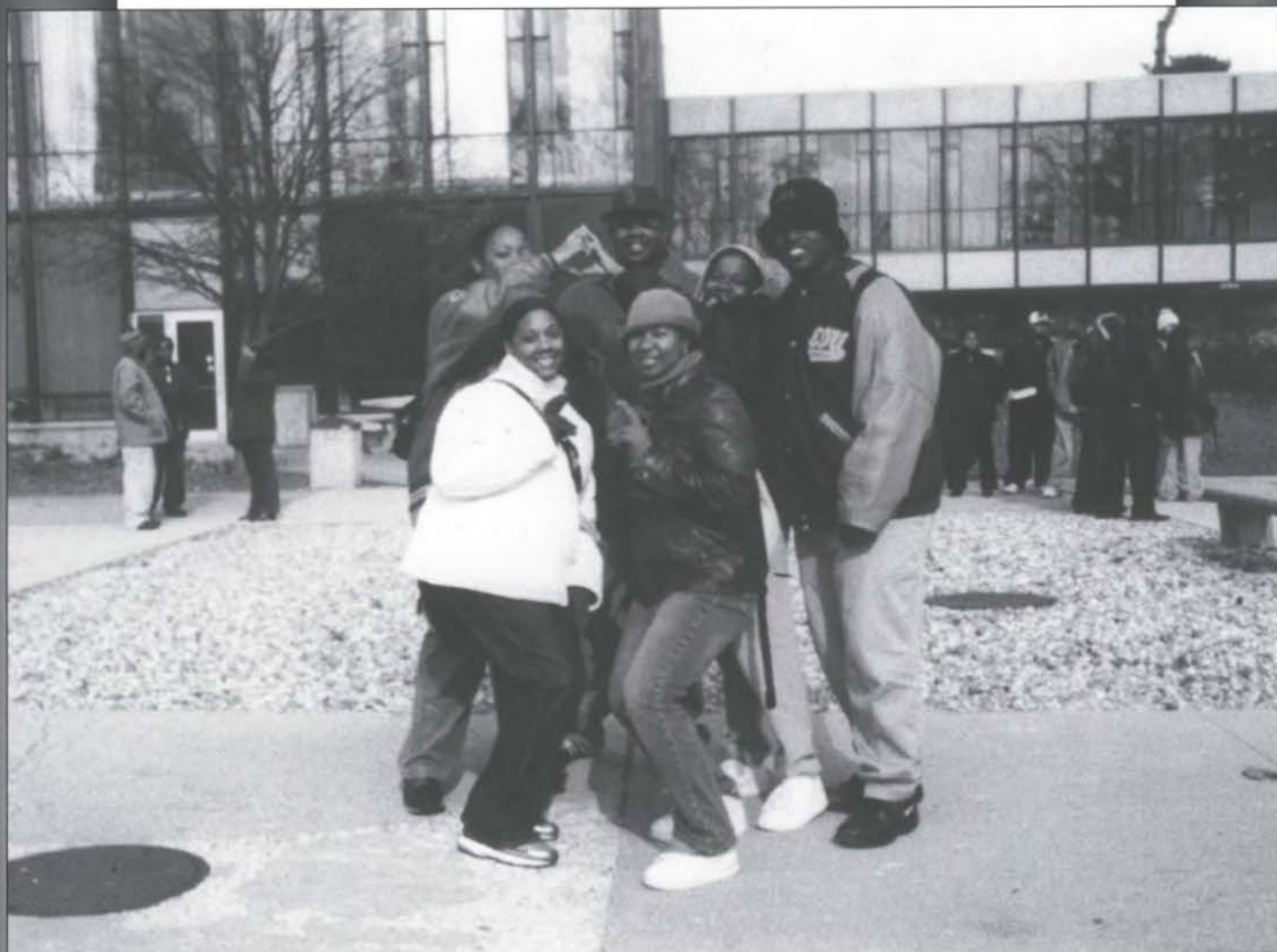
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Gorman, Laura Hankins, Dennis Ryan, Carly Shonk
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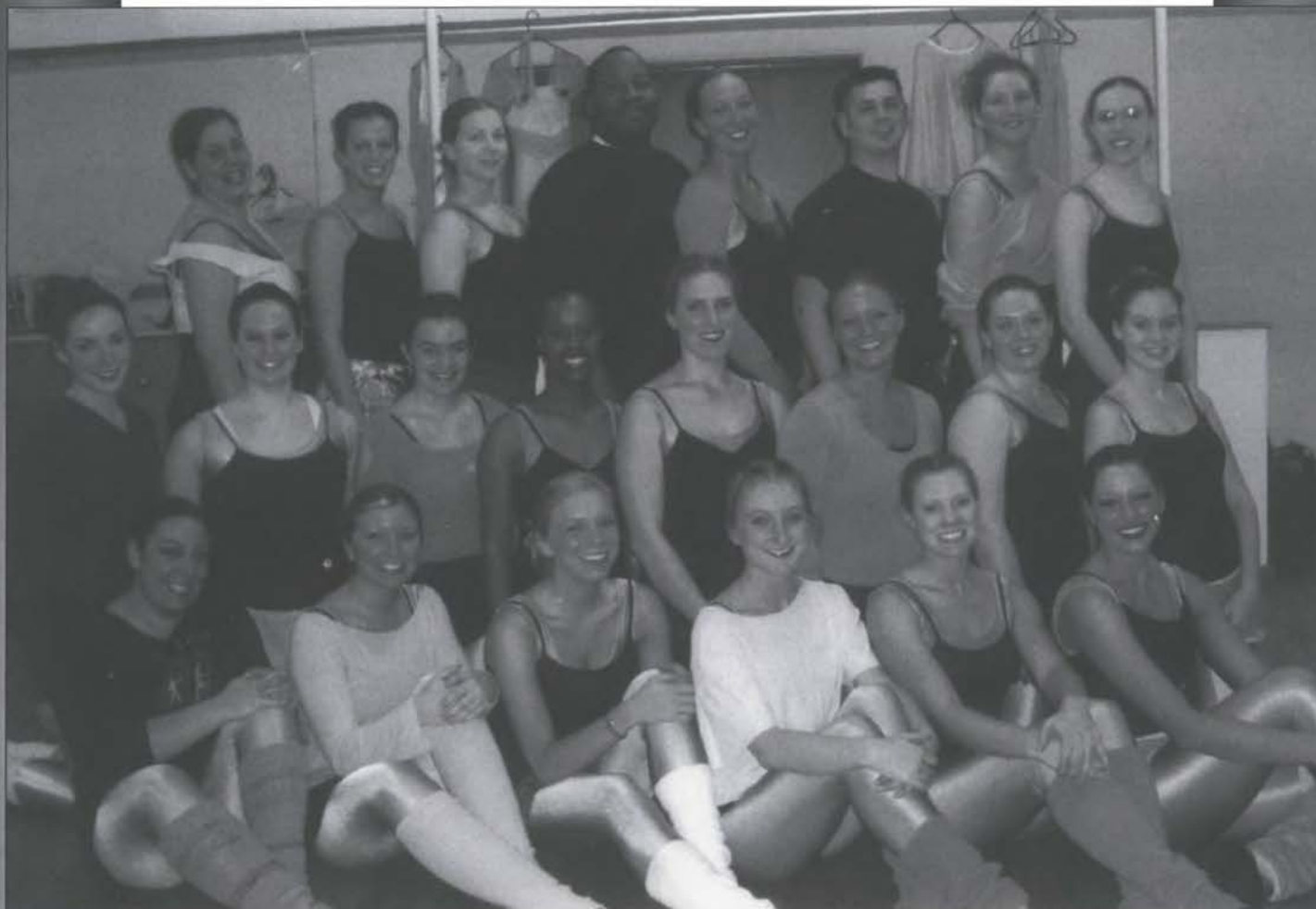
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Christian Campus House attendees strike a pose for the Warbler.

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Sigma Gamma Ro poises for their group photo! Say cheese!

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SIGMA KAPPA



Sigma Kappa members strike a pose.

BLACK STUDENT UNION

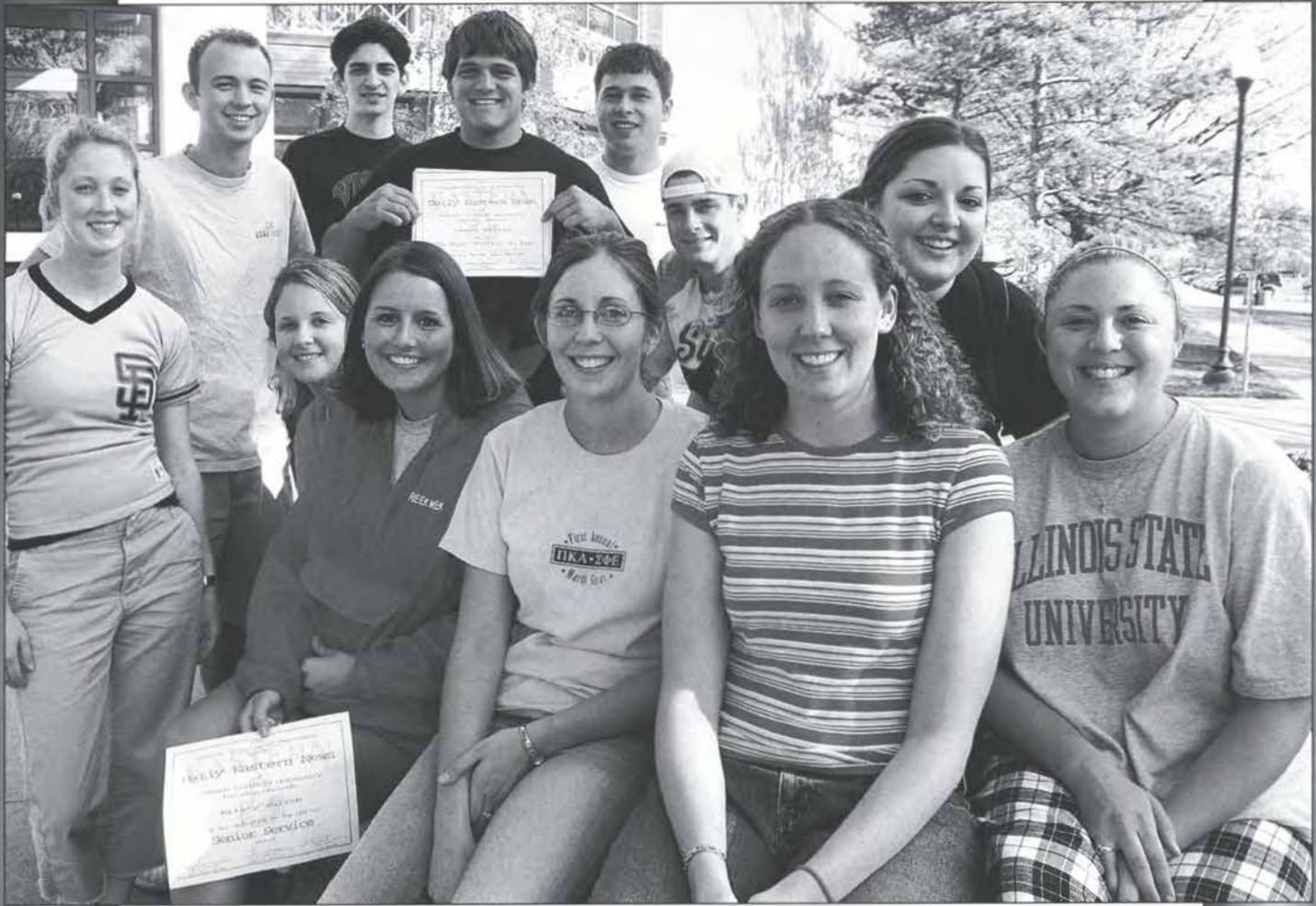


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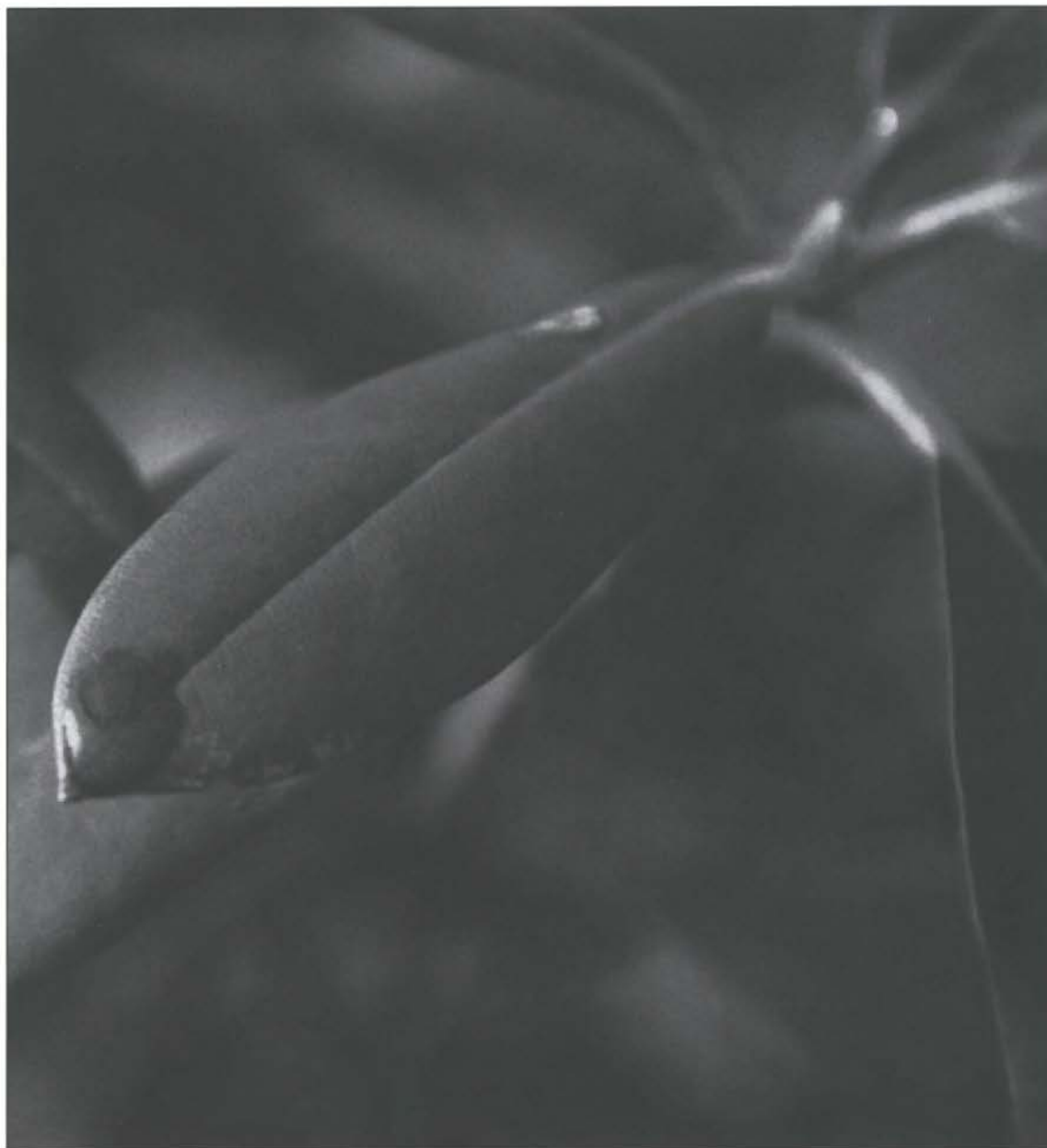
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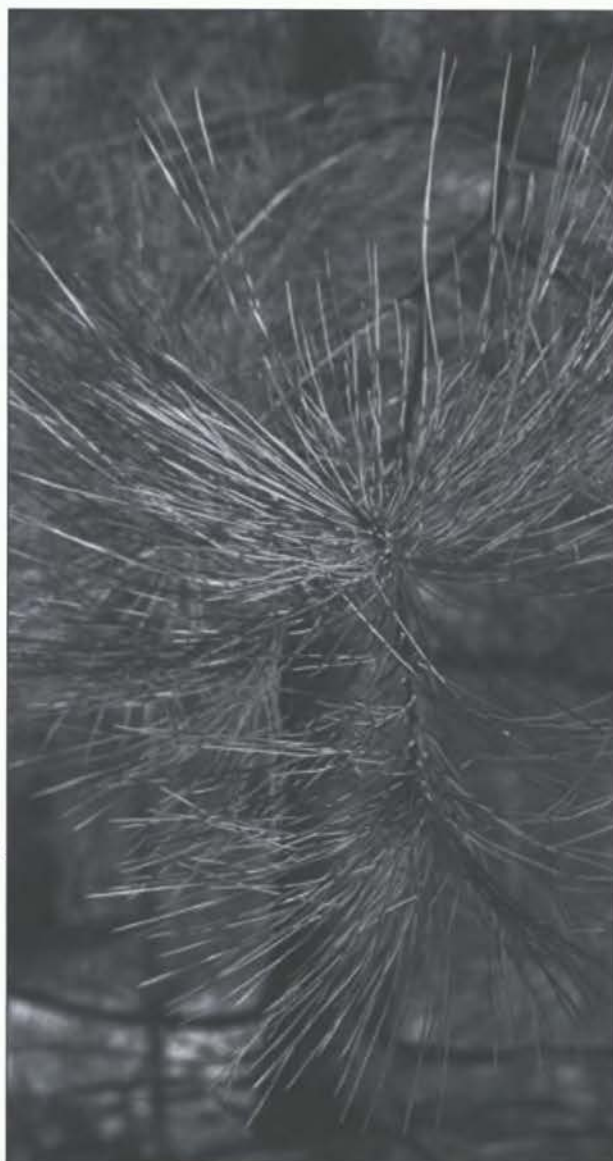


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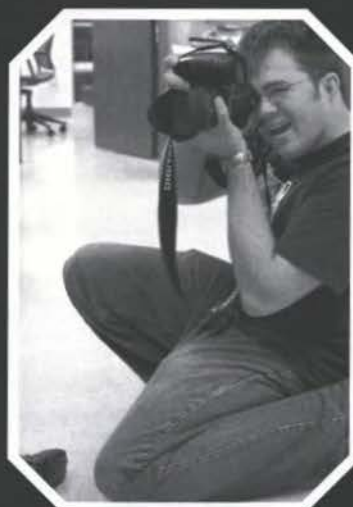
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